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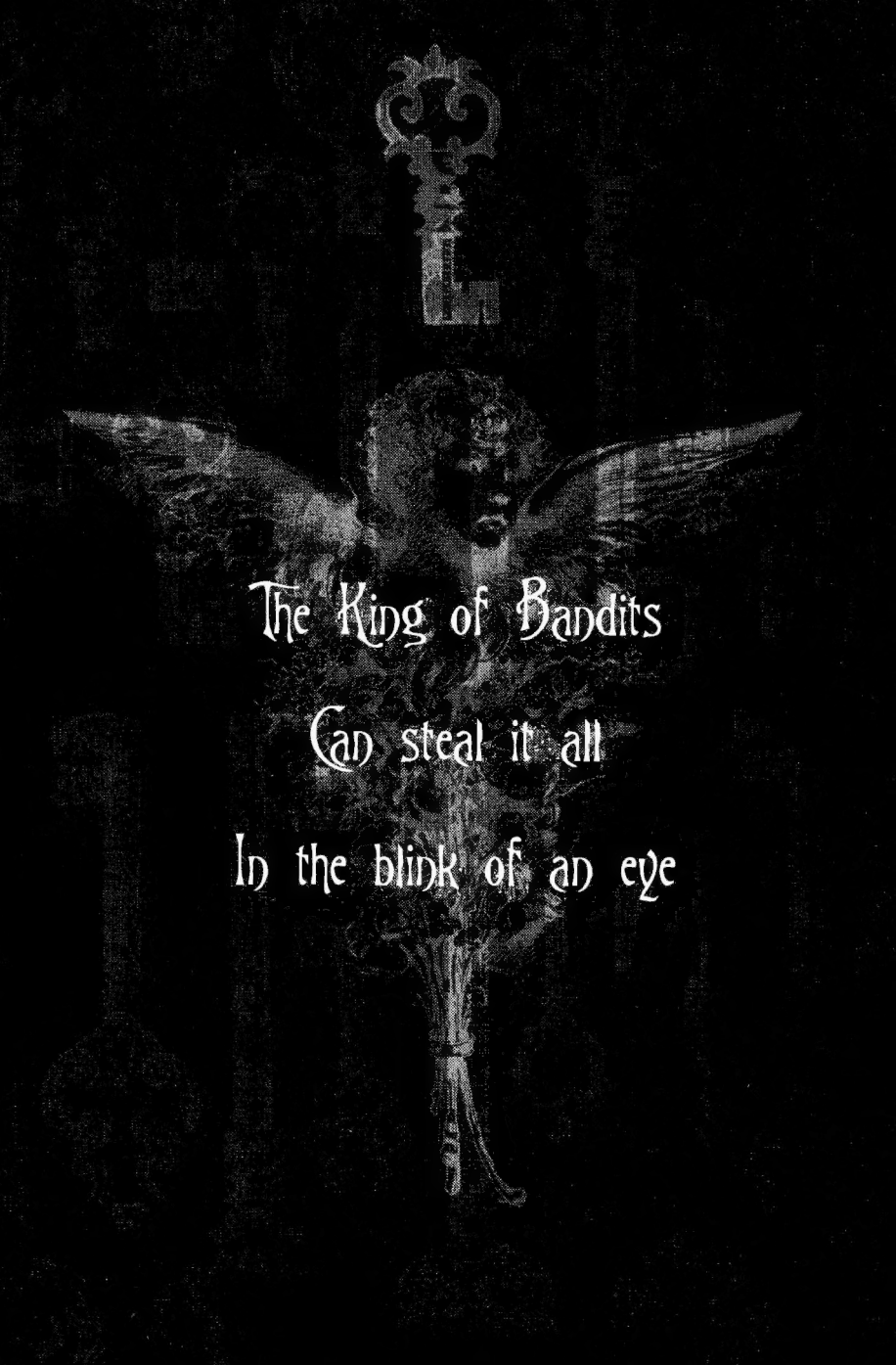
All that glitters...

Even the stars

All things precious...

Even your life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Can steal it all
In the blink of an eye

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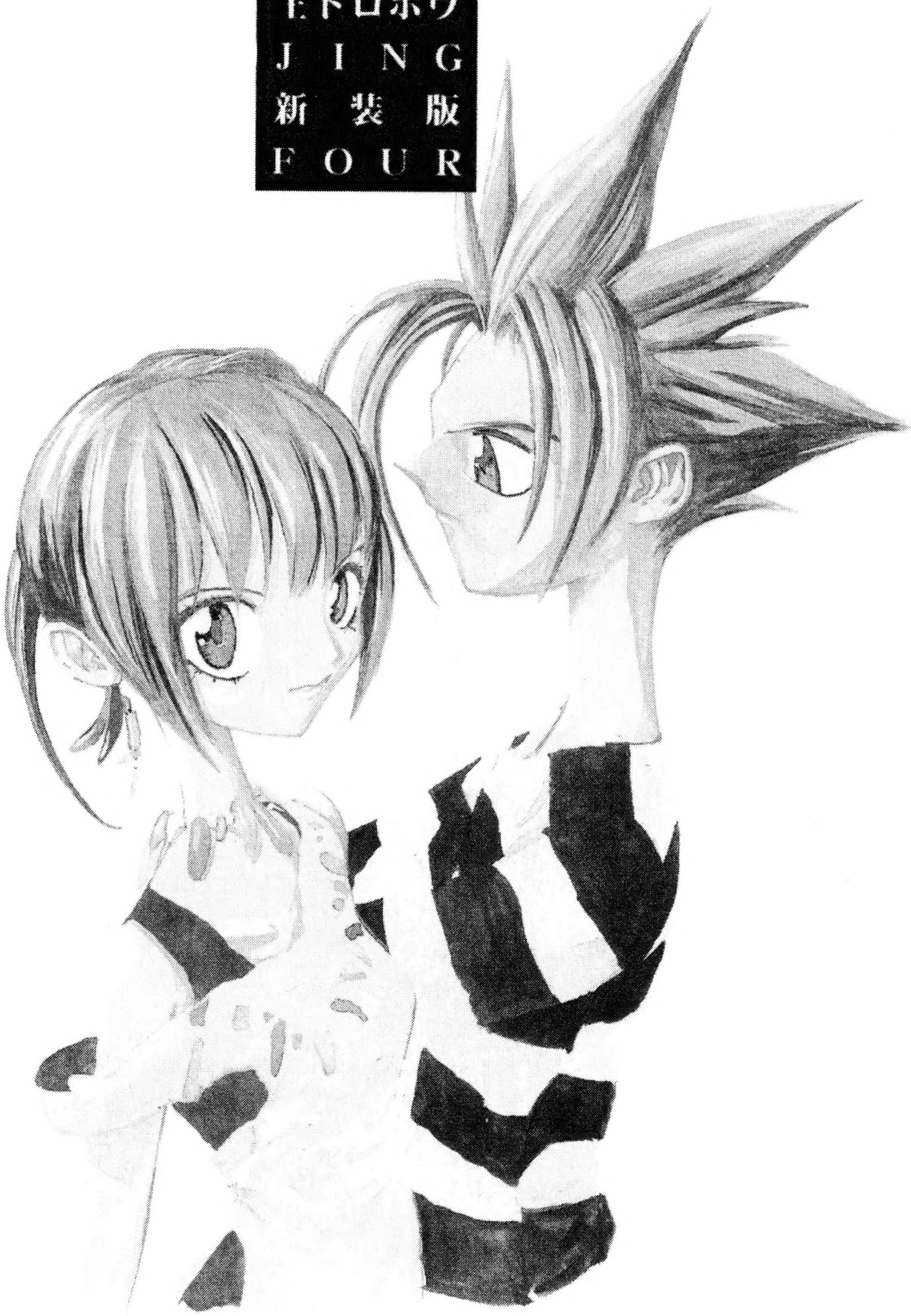

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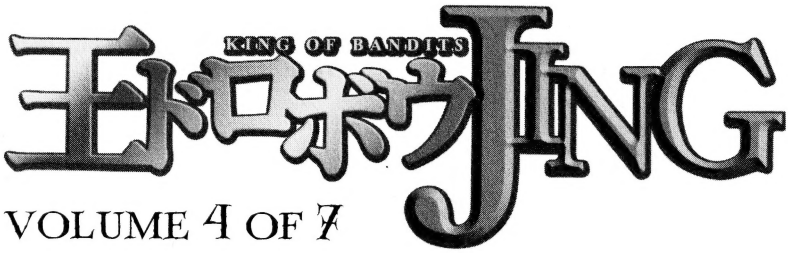

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Once upon a midnight dreary, a thief named Jing was weak and weary.
Many strange and forgotten lands he did traverse and explore.
His companion was a bird named Kir, his black wings a flapping.
While Jing nodded, nearly napping, Kir saw booty galore.
"Wake up, Jing," Kir muttered, "all around us is loot galore."
Treasure from ceiling to floor!

Thus, this ebony bird's wiling, sent Jing's sad face into smiling,
For Jing could steal the stars from the sky, thievery he truly did adore.
The albatross sat proudly on Jing's placid bust, his beady eyes did implore,
One more thing Kir did utter, his feathers all a greedy flutter, his voice a roar,
Quoth the albatross, "Let's steal some more!"

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all hope is gone!!!

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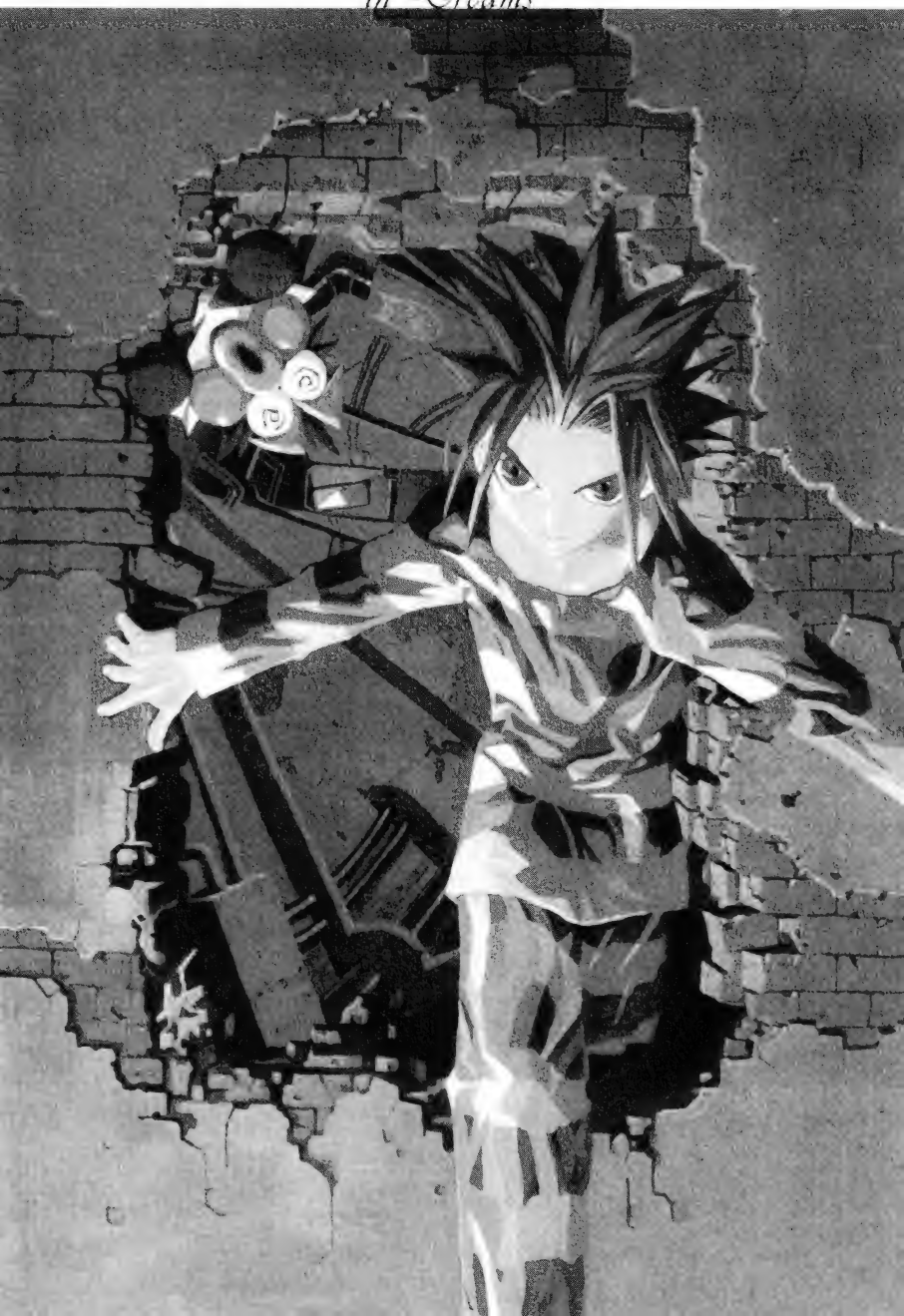


FIRST 1 AND FOREMOST, REMEMBER THIS

NEVER LAND YOURSELF HERE TWICE 2

OR RUN OUT OF YOUR RATIONS THRICE 3

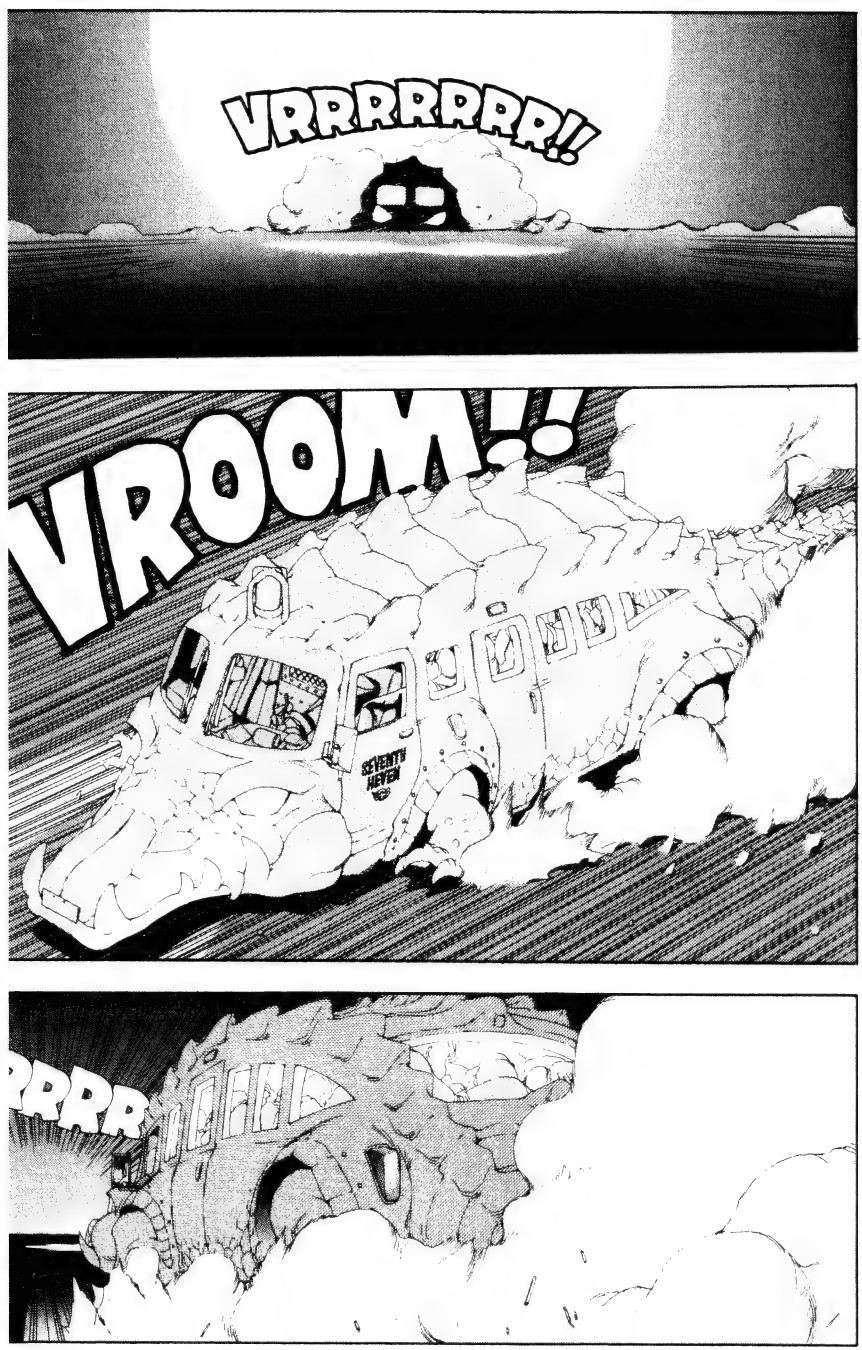
FOR YOU ARE SURROUNDED ON FOUR 4 SIDES

BY GUARDS WHOSE ROUNDS TAKE LESS THAN FIVE 5

6 ALL IN A PLACE NOT FIT FOR SIX 6

MUCH LESS ITS NAME OF SEVENTH 7 HEAVEN

(SEVENTH HEAVEN PRISONER'S WANTON LAMENT)


VRRRRRRR!!
VROOM!!
SEVENTY HEYEH
PRRR

JINGI n 第七監獄編
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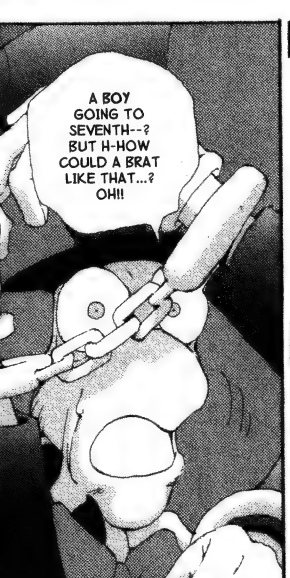
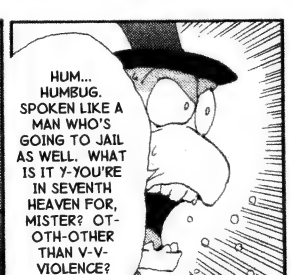
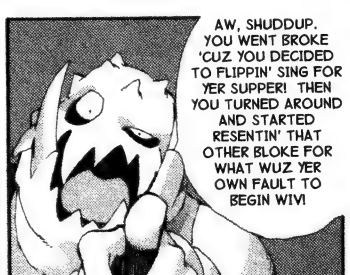
15TH SHOT - SEVENTH HEAVEN


A BOY GOING TO SEVENTH--? BUT H-HOW COULD A BRAT LIKE THAT...? OH!!


HUM... HUMBUG. SPOKEN LIKE A MAN WHO'S GOING TO JAIL AS WELL. WHAT IS IT Y-YOU'RE IN SEVENTH HEAVEN FOR, MISTER? OT-OTH-OTHER THAN V-V-VIOLENCE?

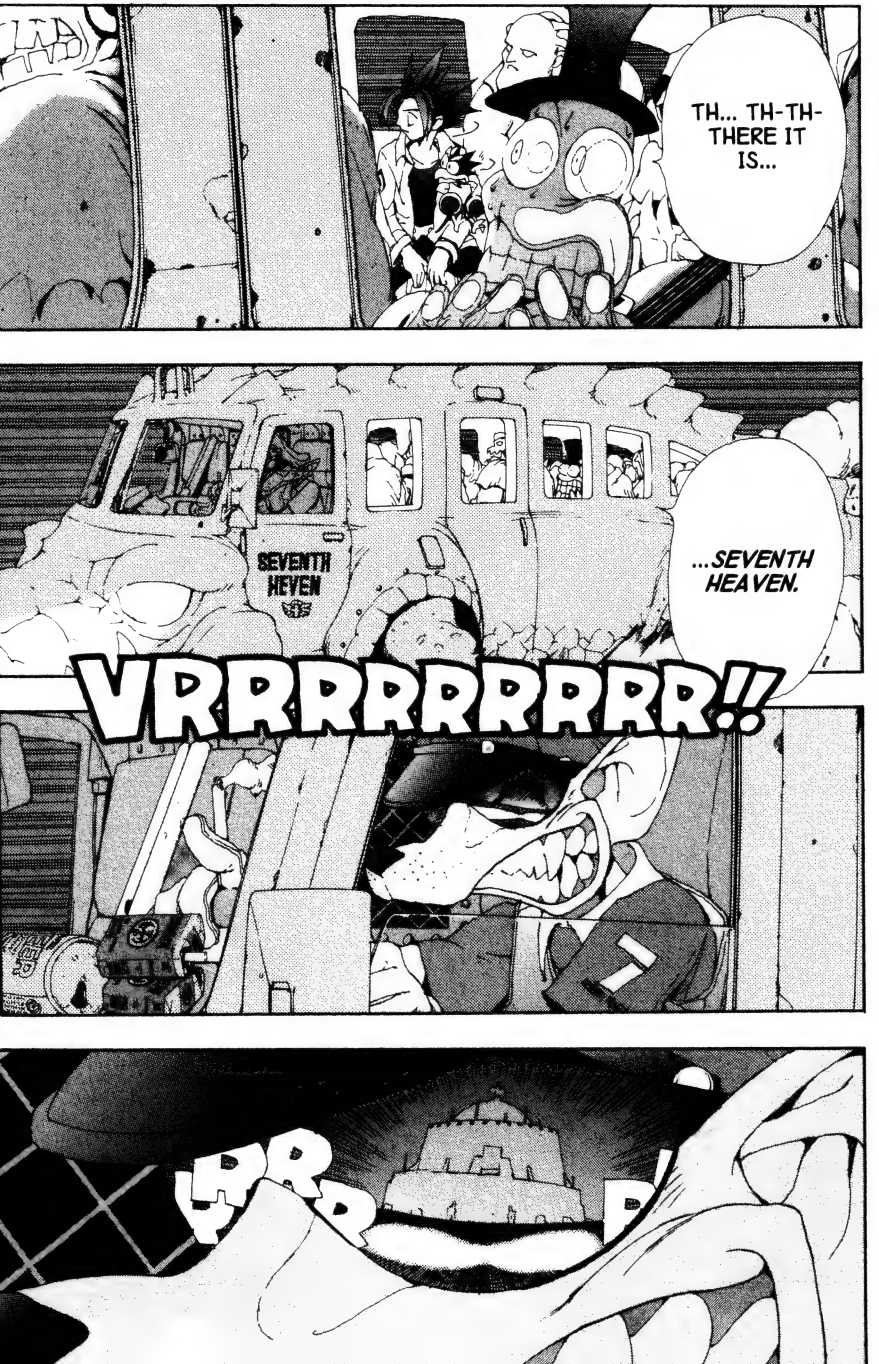

AW, SHUDDUP. YOU WENT BROKE 'CUZ YOU DECIDED TO FLIPPIN' SING FOR YER SUPPER! THEN YOU TURNED AROUND AND STARTED RESENTIN' THAT OTHER BLOKE FOR WHAT WUZ YER OWN FAULT TO BEGIN WIV!

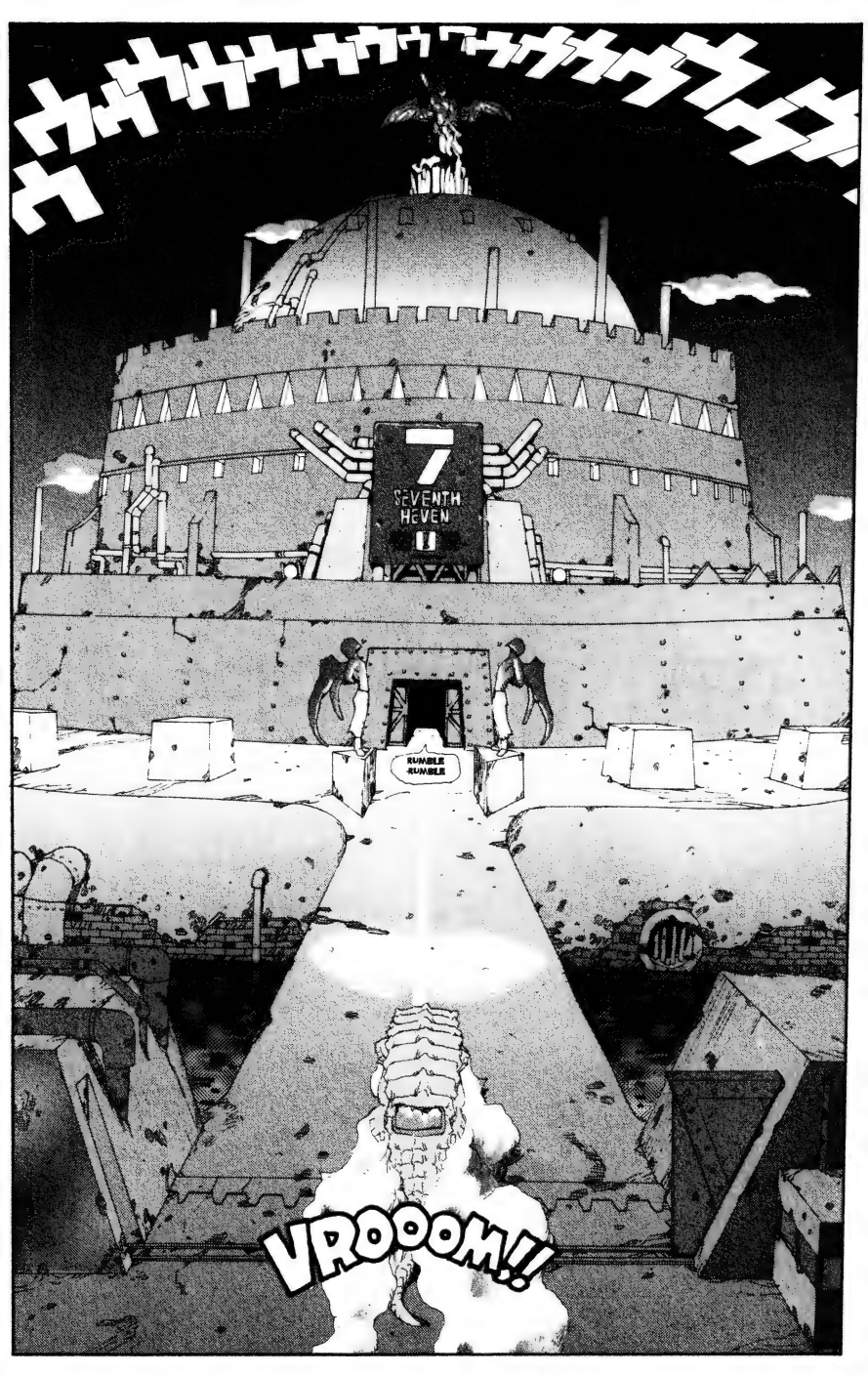
DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP, DO YEH?!! LOOK THERE! THAT BOY'S GOIN' TO JAIL TOO, BUT YEH DON'T SE 'IM MEWHH ABAT IT!
BEGGIN' YER HIGHNESS' PARDON?!!

I...I WAS JUST A LITTLE JEALOUS OF THAT OTHER GUY WHO HAD HOARDED UP ALL THAT MONEY, THAT'S ALL!!

...PARDON ME FOR WHATEVER I'VE DONE, BUT... SEVENTH HEAVEN... I--I...
...IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO STEAL, I MEAN, WANTED TO STEAL...ER, STOLE, YOU SEE!!

THE WORLD-RENOWNED KING OF BANDITS SUFFERS A FATAL BLOW TODAY. SOME STUPID COPPER DECIDES HE GOT SOMETHING ON US, AND NEXT THING YOU KNOW..
...SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A MOTHERLESS CHILD...
GACHA! GACHA! GACHA!
WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO THE BIG HOUSE WITH ALL THE COMMON CROOKS---
MAKING EXCUSES FOR THE MAN AGAIN, I SEE.
OOOHHH!!
WHAT'D I TELL YOU, KIR? THIS IS JUST A BIT OF SOCIAL STUDIES. SO-CIAL-STU-DIES!!


TH... TH-TH-THERE IT IS...
SEVENTH HEVEN
...SEVENTH HEAVEN.
VRRRRRRRRR!!
RRR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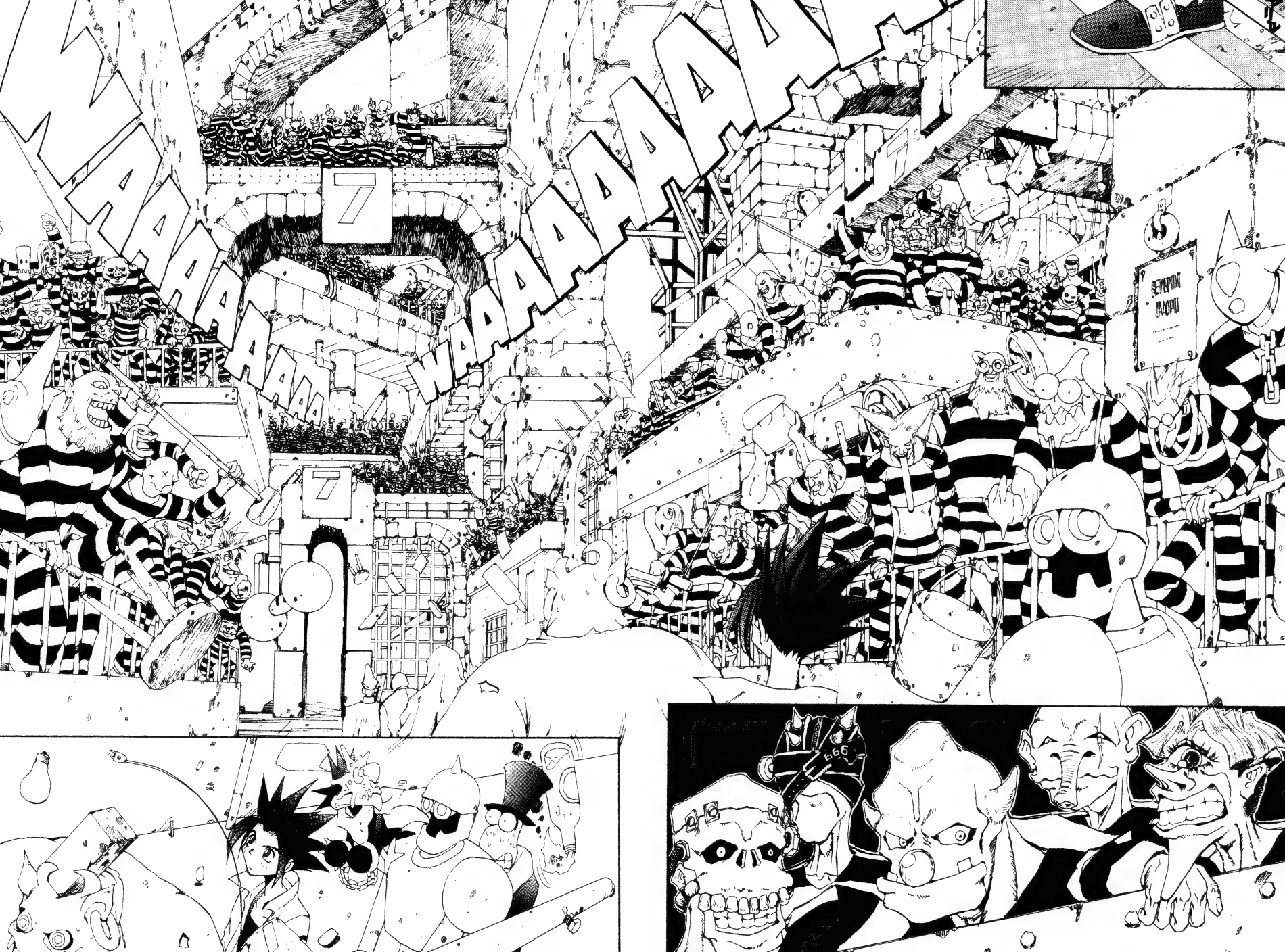
SEVENTH HEVEN
RUMBLE RUMBLE
VROOOM!!

NOW, THEN...END OF THE LINE FOR TODAY... NOT THAT THERE'LL BE ANY TOMORROW FOR YOU LOT... HEH, HEH.
RUMBLE RUMBLE
ゴゴゴ
CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH
I--I-- I--I--I--I--I-- I--IT'S HOPE-LESS NOW, ISN'T IT?! I--I-- I'M GONNA DIE!!
BAKIN'
CRUNCH

RESISTANCE IS FUTILE!!!
ドカッ
EVEN IF HE DOESN'T DIE FROM THAT DROP OF MOSQUITO-GRADE POISON, I'LL BE SHOWING HIM TO THE PEARLY GATES SOON ENOUGH!!
NOOOWWWW THEN, YOU LOT. REMEMBER THOSE PATHETIC LITTLE LIVES YOU LED BEFORE LANDING YOURSELVES IN HERE? GOOD, 'CAUSE YOU'RE NEVER GOING BACK TO 'EM! GOT IT?!
PLUMP!

COME ON.
NOW, CHOP-CHOP-CHOP! FOLLOW MY LOVELY LITTLE ANGEL IN ORDERLY LITTLE LINES!
YOU, BOY! YOU'RE THE LADDIE WHO FANCIES HIMSELF A THIEF? EH?
BECAUSE I SHOULD WARN YOU... THERE'S NO CHILDREN'S DISCOUNT FOR THIS LITTLE CLUB!
NOW THEN... OFF WITH YA!!
SO DON'T EVEN THINK YOU CAN MAKE A FOOL OF HEAD CHIEF MARASCHINO!!
SEE THIS MEDAL? IT AIN'T JUST FOR SHOW! THIS HERE PROVES THAT THERE'S NO PRISONER HERE WHO DOESN'T ANSWER TO ME.
KIRAAAN!!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BOUN!!
HOT IN HERE, AIN'T IT?
GYAAAH!
BWAH HAHAHA HAHA!
CAREFUL, KID... IF YOU DO MAKE A FOOL OF HIM, YOU'LL SOON FIND YERSELF DANCING LIKE THAT ONE THERE...
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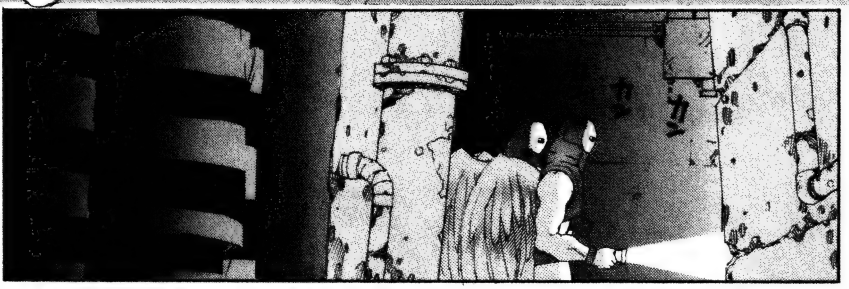
ドン
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKIN' AT?!
HMMM... I'M GETTING HUNGRY.
Y'SEE, LADDIE? THERE *ARE NO* DISCOUNTS!! SO, ENJOY YOUR STAY FOR ALL IT'S WORTH!
In other words, try to stay alive.

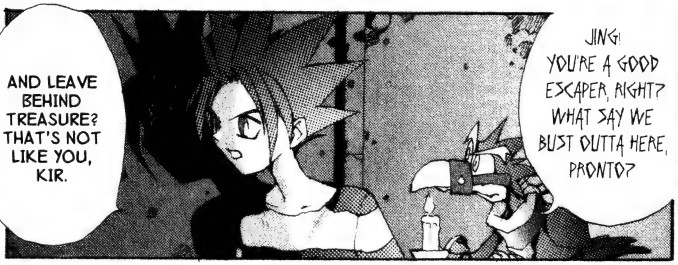
We obediently wear their ugly striped clothes, then they take away your sword, then they put this mask on me. What're you gonna do about it?!
I DUNNO. IT'S A PRETTY CONVENIENT SET-UP FOR ME SO FAR...
chomp

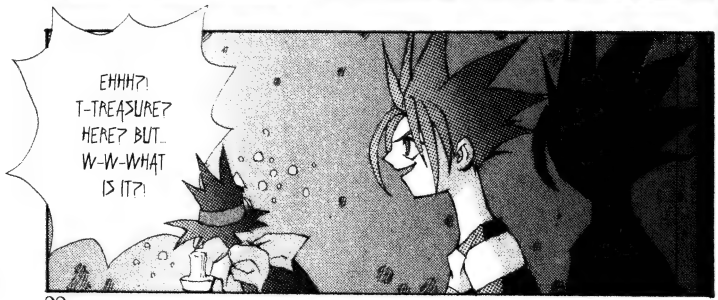
MUNCH CRUNCH
MUNCH CRUNCH
MUNCH CRUNCH
MIND SHARIN' SOME OF YER PROVISIONS, MR. CLASS PRESIDENT?
SAAAYY.
AWWW!! I'M GONNA GRIND YOU TA MINCE MEAT FER DAT!!!
THEN I REQUEST A SIZEABLE CHUNK IN RETURN! ONE BIG FAT PAYMENT, DUE IN FULL, DUE RIGHT NOW.

PESHA!!
UWAH!
HOW 'BOUT SOME HAM?
UH--
HEY!
PLUMP!!
splash

LOOKS LIKE HE COLLAPSED UNDER THE BULK OF HIS OWN WEIGHT. AT LEAST HE WON'T BE WASTING OUR FOOD ANYMORE.
Quite an unpleasant former prisoner...
WHAT THE--?!
HMPH! NOT HERE TEN MINUTES BEFORE CAUSING A RUCKUS, ARE YA, BOY?!




AND LEAVE BEHIND TREASURE? THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU, KIR.
JING! YOU'RE A GOOD ESCAPER, RIGHT? WHAT SAY WE BUST OUTTA HERE, PRONTO?

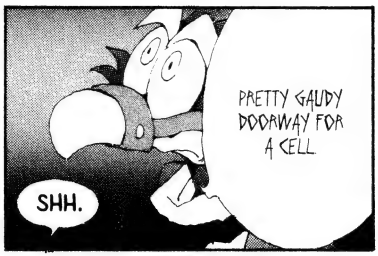

EHHH?! T-TREASURE? HERE? BUT... W-W-WHAT IS IT?!

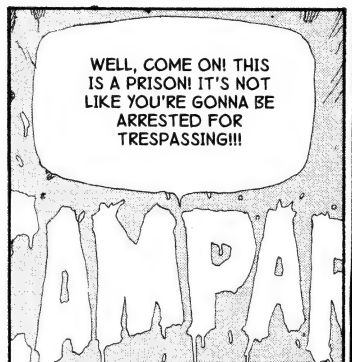
SO OF COURSE, HE USED IT- STOLE DREAMS THAT COULD HAVE BELONGED TO ANYONE, AND SOLD THEM TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. BEFORE HE KNEW IT, HE WAS EXTREMELY RICH.
NOTHING LESS THAN A DREAM... ONE YOU COULD BUY OR SELL, ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!
A D-DREAM? YOU MEAN THE KIND YOU HAVE WHEN YOU'RE ASLEEP?
LONG AGO, THEY SAY THAT A CONJURER NAMED CAMPARI DISCOVERED SOMETHING CALLED A "DREAM ORB," WHICH COULD TURN DREAMS INTO CRYSTALS.
BEFORE HE KNEW IT, CAMPARI WAS ALSO USING THE DREAM ORB FOR EXTORTION AND FRAUD... THAT'S WHY HE WAS THROWN IN HERE!!
BINGO!!
SOOOUUNNNNDS LIKE SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD BE ABUSED
blazing

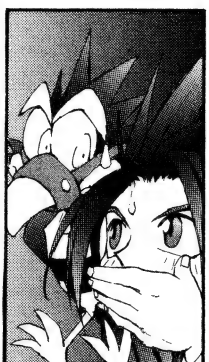
EH ?!
YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT WELL EITHER, I SEE...
YEP.
S-SO YOU'RE GONNA STEAL THE DREAM ORB FROM HIM?!
NOW, CAMPARI'S CELL...
SOOOO... IS CAMPARI'S CELL AROUND HERE?
HEY JING, I THINK WE'VE FOUND OUR MAN.
!
IT SHOULD BE, BUT...I DON'T SEE ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE...

CAMPARI
GUM
WAIT-- WAS THIS HERE BEFORE...?

WE'RE WORKING NOW, KIR...

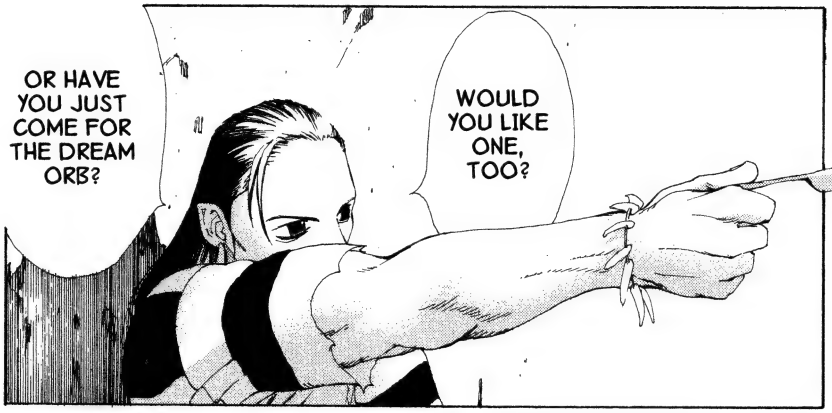

PRETTY GAUDY DOORWAY FOR A CELL
SHH.

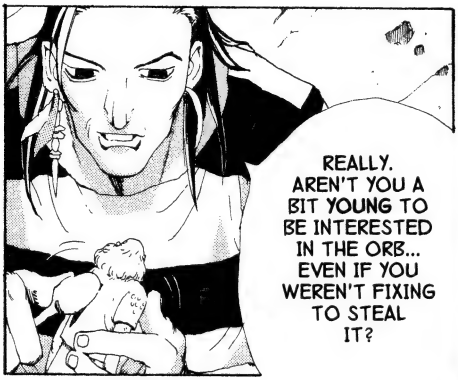

WELL, COME ON! THIS IS A PRISON! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GONNA BE ARRESTED FOR TRESPASSING!!!
AMPARI



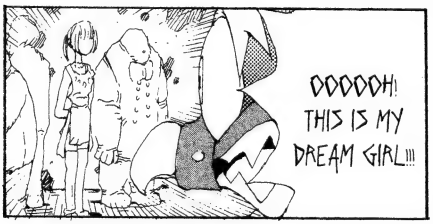
PLEASE, COME IN. THE DOOR IS OPEN!!
CAMPARI

GACHA!!


OR HAVE YOU JUST COME FOR THE DREAM ORB?
WOULD YOU LIKE ONE, TOO?


REALLY. AREN'T YOU A BIT YOUNG TO BE INTERESTED IN THE ORB... EVEN IF YOU WEREN'T FIXING TO STEAL IT?

N-no, not at all!!!


OOOOOH! THIS IS MY DREAM GIRL!!!

WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M THAT RARE DREAMER WHO CHASES OTHER PEOPLE'S DREAMS! ♡
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HUH?

NICE. I RESPECT DEDICATION IN AN ARTIST.
YES... I CREATED HER BY GATHERING DROPLETS OF WAX FROM THAT CANDLE OVER THERE...
I have no other materials, you see.
!!
WE COULD USE MORE OF THAT KIND OF PATIENCE HERE.
TAKE THAT PRISONER.
HEY, OLD-TIMER... HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN HERE?
MORE LIKE WHAT KIND OF MOUSE WOULD HANG AROUND...
WHERE DID YOU GO? MY LITTLE MOUSIE...
C... CLINT.. CLINTO...

...HERE?!!

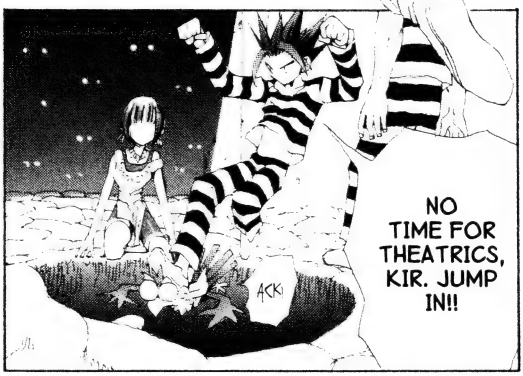
ZUUN-!!
OLD-TIMER!
!
SLURP!
HIII

!!!!!!!!?
RED FLAG
SHUUU...
GALILEO AMOR!!!!!!!!
ALL RIGHT!
KIIIIIR ROYALE... HOOAH!

GUOOOOOH
ズズ!
PHEW
RETREAT, KIR!!!
GOT RELATIVES, DOES HE?
NOT SO FAST-- THERE'S MORE COMING!!
WAIT-- THERE'S NO EXIT!!!
Wasn't there a door here a minute ago?
OVER HERE.

WELL, WELL PLEASED TO MEET YOU...

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY OUT!!!


NO TIME FOR THEATRICS, KIR. JUMP IN!!
ACK!

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Aw
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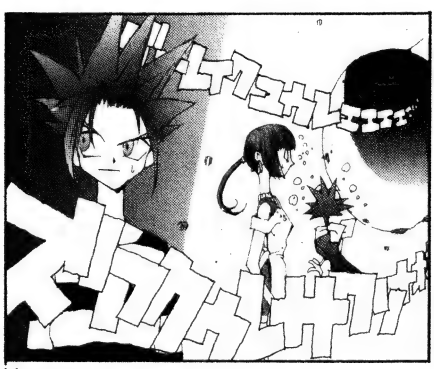
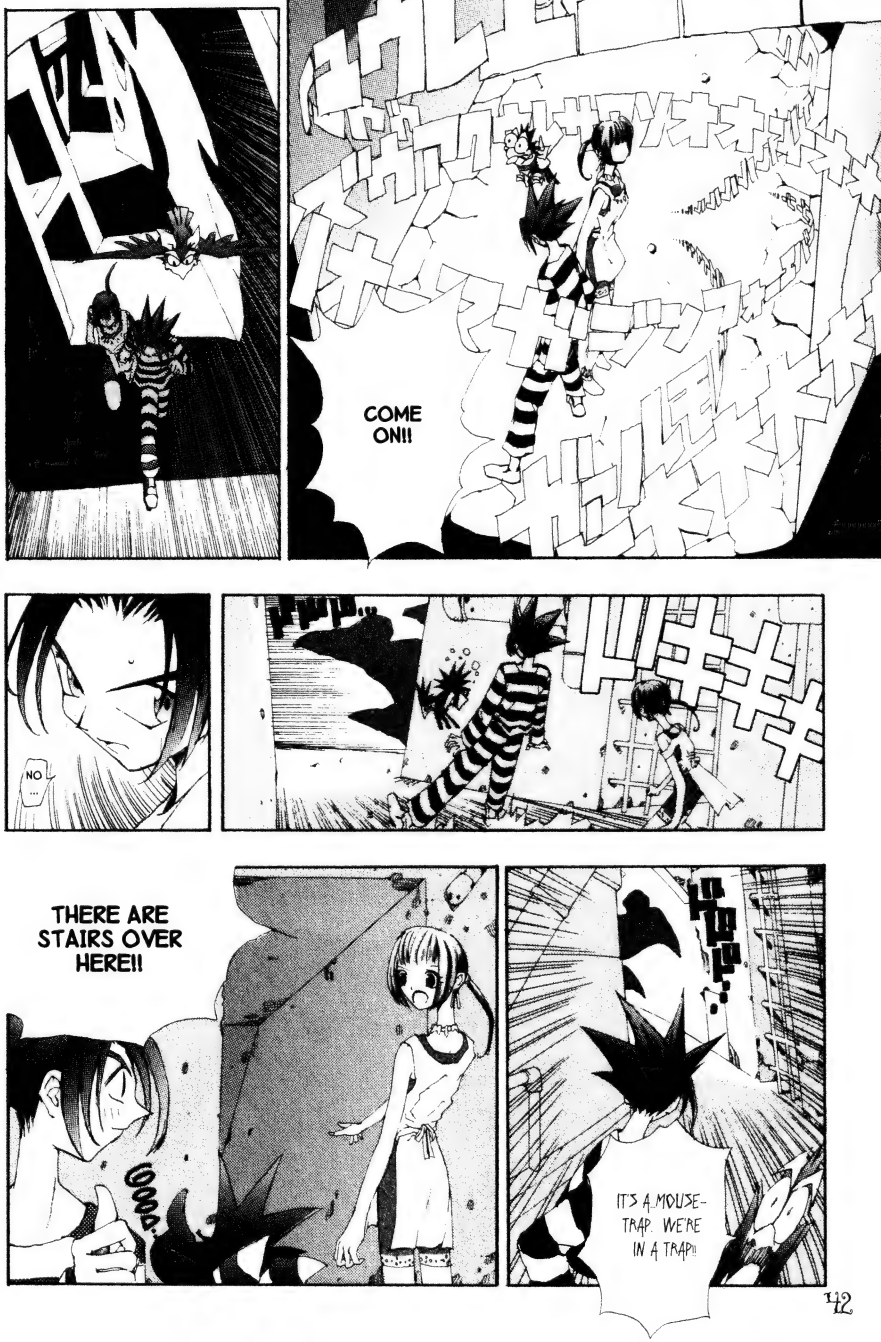
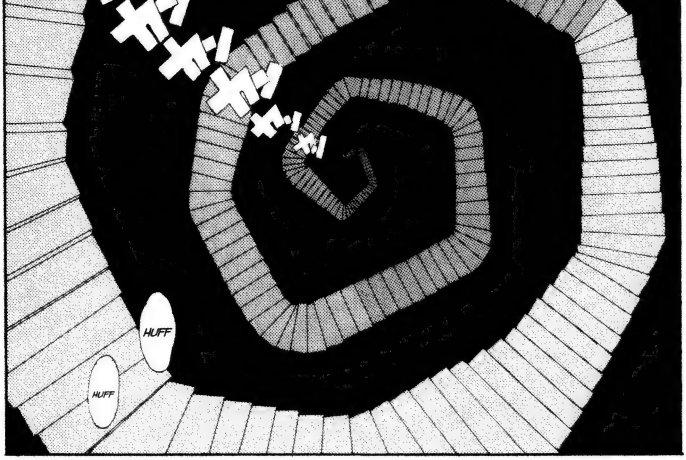
YOUNG MISS--
YOU'RE MY SAVIOR!
IN OTHER WORDS,
YOU'RE THE BEST
GIRL I'VE SEEN
ALL DAY. WHAT'S
YOUR NAME?
BENEDICTINE
!!
MMM...
I LIKE IT!



HEY, YOU
TWO! SOONER
OR LATER,
THEY'RE GONNA
FIND US AND ALL
OF OUR NAMES
WILL BE "MOUSE
FOOD."
REMEMBER,
WE'RE
BEING
FOLLOWED.


COME ON!!
NO...
THERE ARE STAIRS OVER HERE!!
GOOD.
IT'S A MOUSE-TRAP. WE'RE IN A TRAP!!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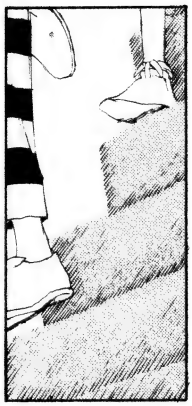
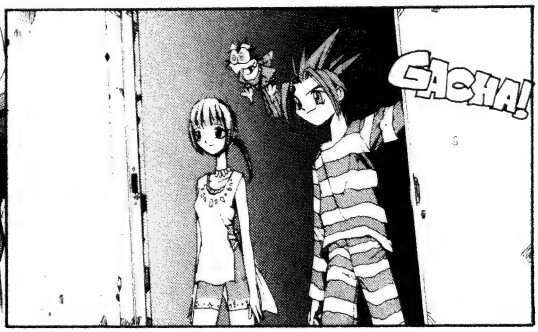
HUFF



UNDERGROUND
HEY, NOW...WE'LL REST ONCE WE'RE BEHIND THAT DOOR.

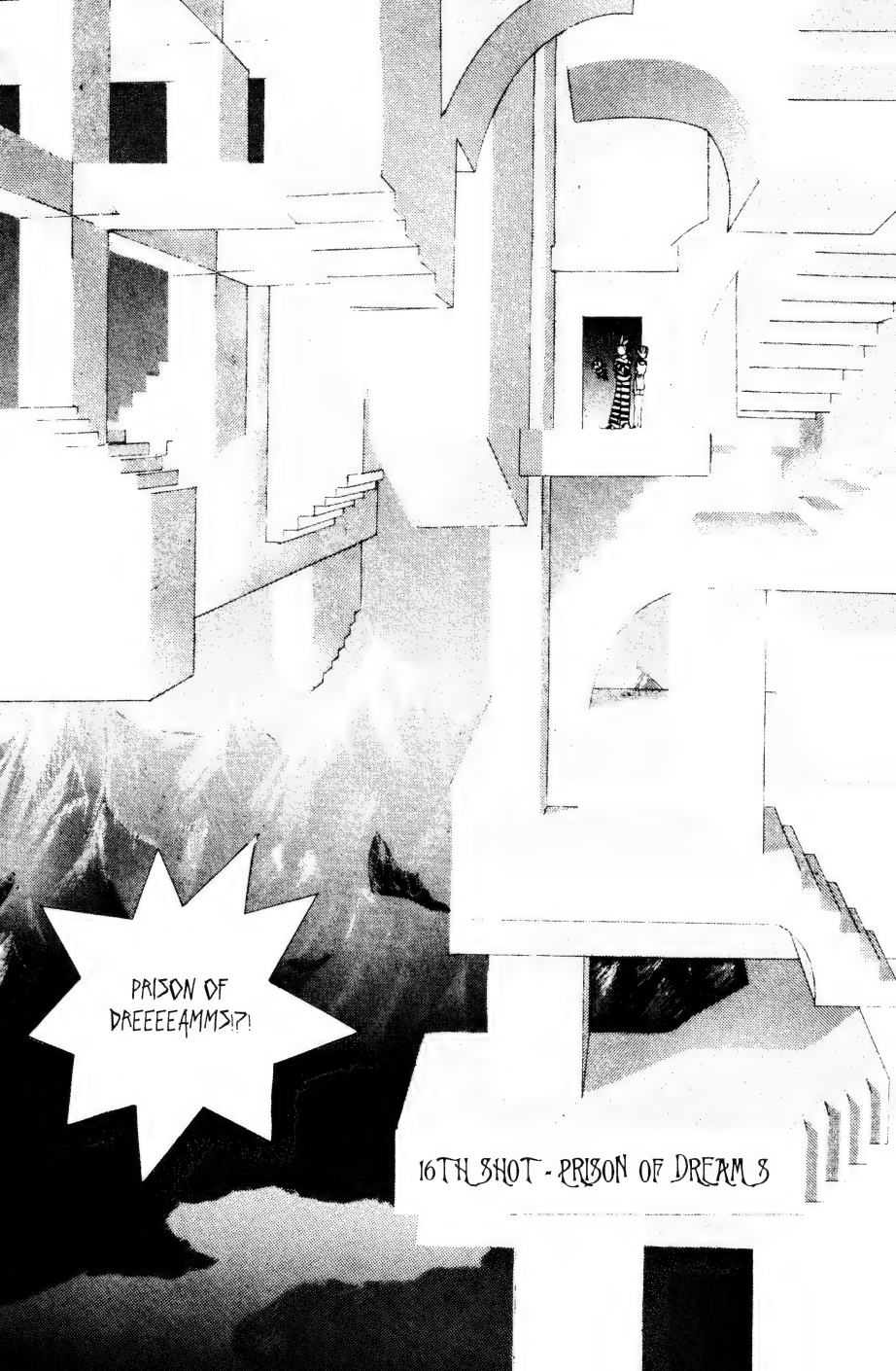
HUFF, HUFF... THAT WAS A LOT OF HUFF... LEFT THEM IN THE DUST, DIDN'T WE? HUFF, HUFF...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

UH... JING? THIS...
...THIS IS...A REAL NICE...


GACHA!

...VIEW.

I KNEW THIS PRISON WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HUGE..BUT...
DON'T YOU SEE? WE WERE ADMITTED SO EASILY. WITH THE HELP OF THAT CONJURER...
...WE WERE BOOKED INTO THE PRISON OF DREAMS... A THOUSAND TIMES HARDER TO ESCAPE THAN SEVENTH HEAVEN!!



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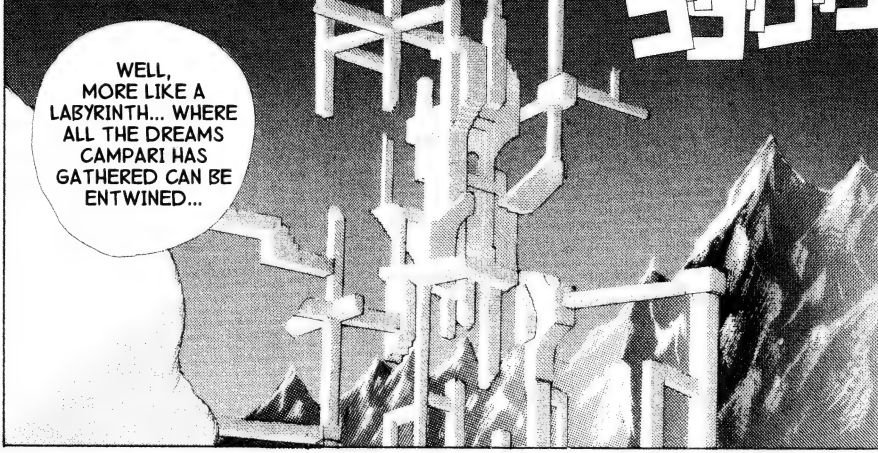
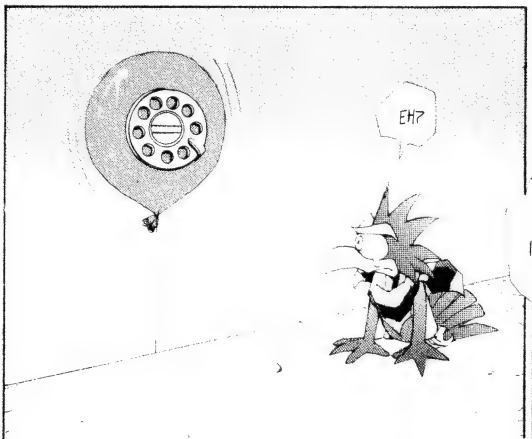
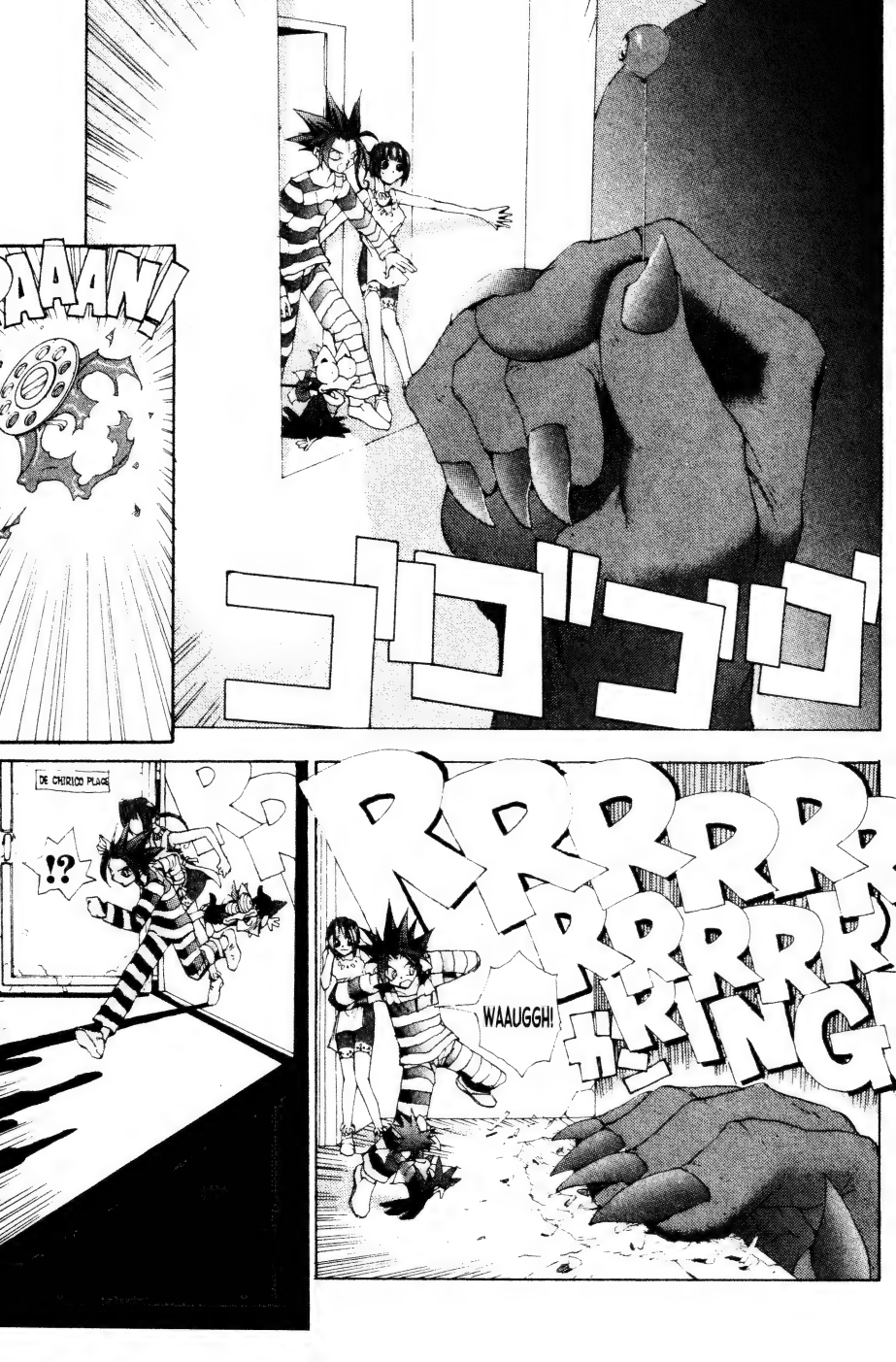

WELL, MORE LIKE A LABYRINTH... WHERE ALL THE DREAMS CAMPARI HAS GATHERED CAN BE ENTWINED...

OH... AND THIS "BENEDICTINE" IS AN INHABITANT OF THAT LABYRINTH.


EH?

THEN... THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT HER IS ALSO... JUST A DREAM...?
NO... IT CAN'T BE!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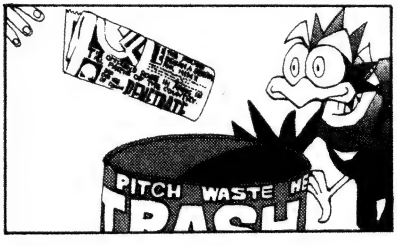
RRRRR
RRRRR
RING
WAAUGGH!

C'MON--IF WE DON'T FIND YOU AN EXIT SOON, YOU'RE GONNA DIE OF OVER-SLEEPING!
BUT IT'S STILL A DREAM!!
LOOKS KIND OF LIKE WHEN YOU WAKE UP, DOESN'T IT..?
IT'S NO GOOD FOR OUTSIDERS TO BE IN HERE TOO LONG!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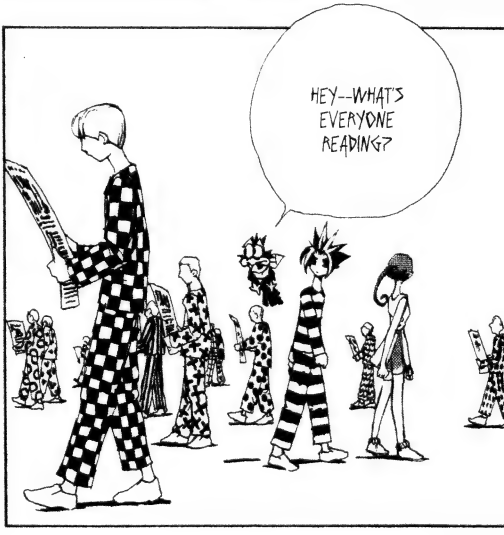
HEY--WHAT'S EVERYONE READING?

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GOOD NEWS

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JING IN JAIL

HELP!!

IN SEVENTH H

H2 ACHTUNG BAB

GASP_

JING IN

I'M A DOVE.

CDD-CDD

A SYMBOL OF PEACE.

HEY! OVER THERE!! I THINK THAT'S WHERE THE PAPERS ARE COMING FROM!!

KING OF BANDITS... BEHIND BARS?!!

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KING OF BANDITS IN JAIL! WHAT A DISGRACE!!
EXTRA!! EXTRAAAAA!!
FRIDAY
GOOD NEWS
JING IN JAIL
FRIDAY
WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT...?
INDEED! YOU CAN'T INFRINGE UPON THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS!!
WHY YOU LITTLE—!! SHOULD I DRINK TABASCO ONE MORE TIME FOR HIM?!
EXTRAA-AAAAAAA!
OH.
FRIDAY

WELCOME, MISTER KING OF BANDITS.
HOW'S THE "DREAM STATE"?
FINE, THANKS!!
MY PARTNER'S FEELING A LITTLE DIZZY, THOUGH...
FOOL... DO YOU REALLY WANT THE DREAM ORB THAT BADLY?
GOOD NEWS
JUNG FAMILY IN JAIL
AH, BUT MY BODY'S ALSO FULL OF PEP... SEE?!
BUT YOU'RE FULL OF PEP, AREN'T YOU?
EVEN IF IT IS A CHILDISH SHOW OF COURAGE ...

ZALALA
SLEEP WELL.
PLENTY OF TOYS HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU, BOY... ENJOY...

LOST RACE...?
TRUE. THERE ARE NO TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE!!
W-WHERE'S THAT SORRY EXCUSE FOR A MAGICIAN?! NOTHING BUT A CHARLATAN, IF YOU ASK ME!!!
WH-WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

LET GO OF ME!!

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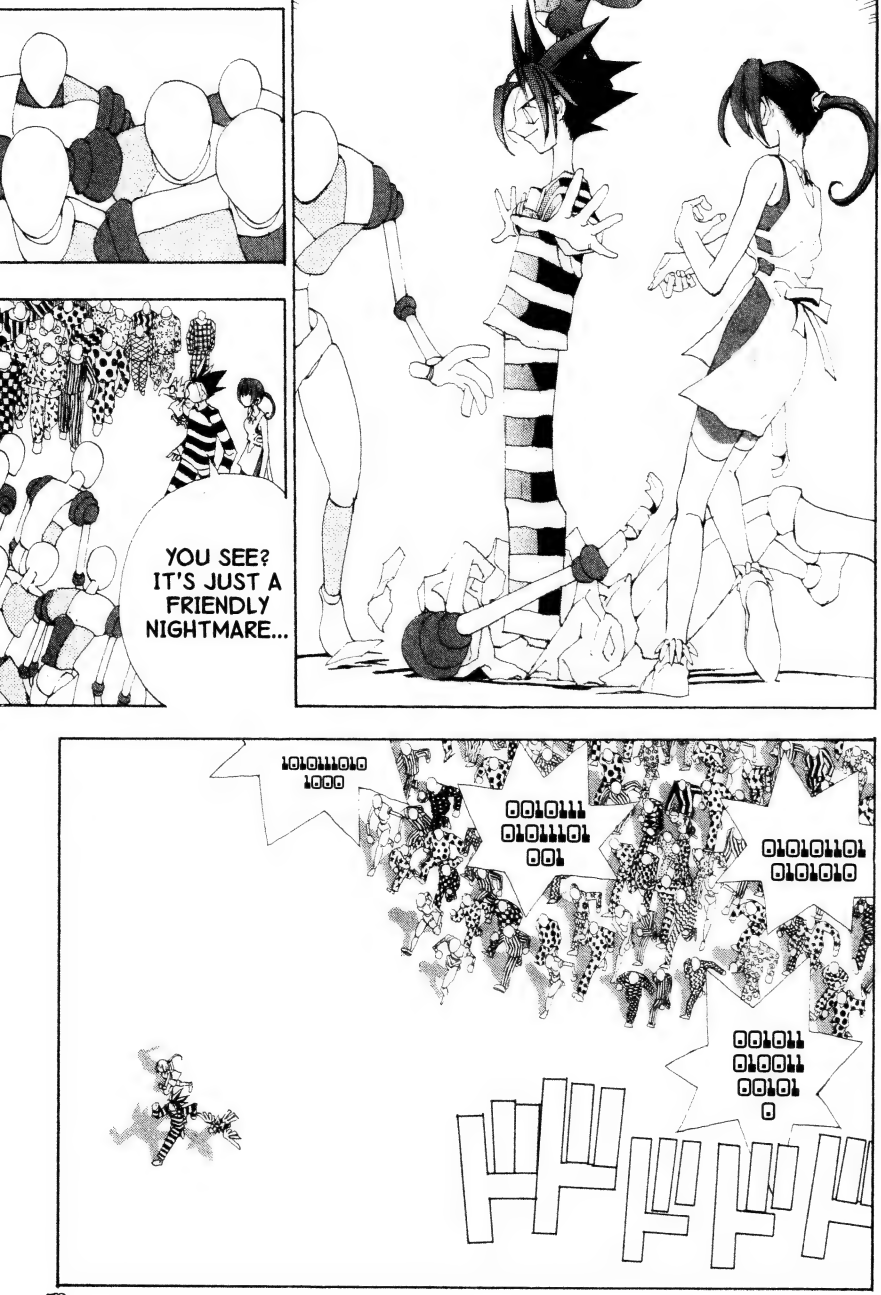
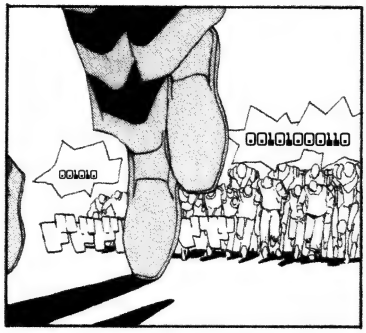

YOU SEE? IT'S JUST A FRIENDLY NIGHTMARE...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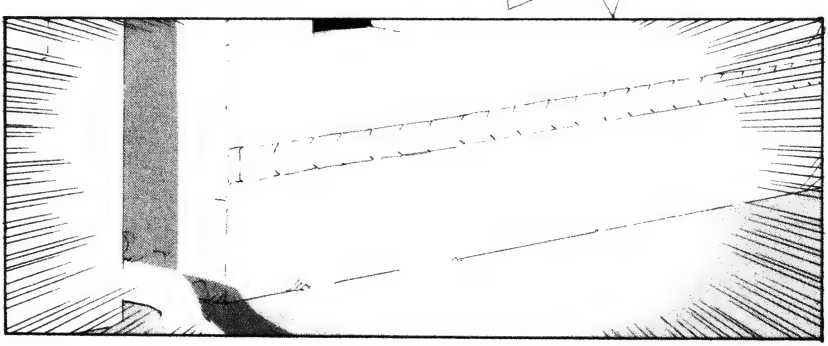
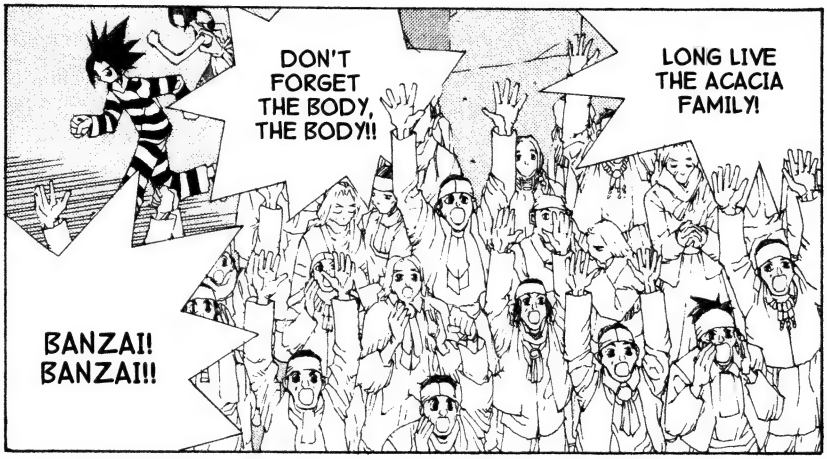
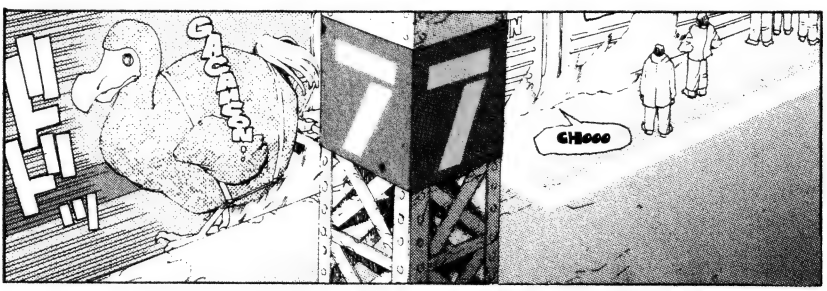
OVER THERE... LET'S TAKE COVER.



SLIT
PERSISTENT, AREN'T THEY?!
OVER HERE!!

rerum hic tenetury sapiente delectus au aut
riore repellat. Hanc ego cum tene senteniam,
possing accommodare nost ros quos tu paulom
STATION
nd sint et molestia non recusand. Itaque earud rerum hic
aut prefer endis dolorib asperiore repellat.
STATIONMASTER'S OFFICE
molestiae consequat, vel illum
dolore eu fugiat nulla pariatur.
WHAT THE?!?!?!?!
GONNA ADD ONE MORE INFRACTION TO MY CRIMINAL RECORD: A FREE RIDE ON THE TRAIN!!


DON'T FORGET THE BODY, THE BODY!!
LONG LIVE THE ACACIA FAMILY!
BANZAI! BANZAI!!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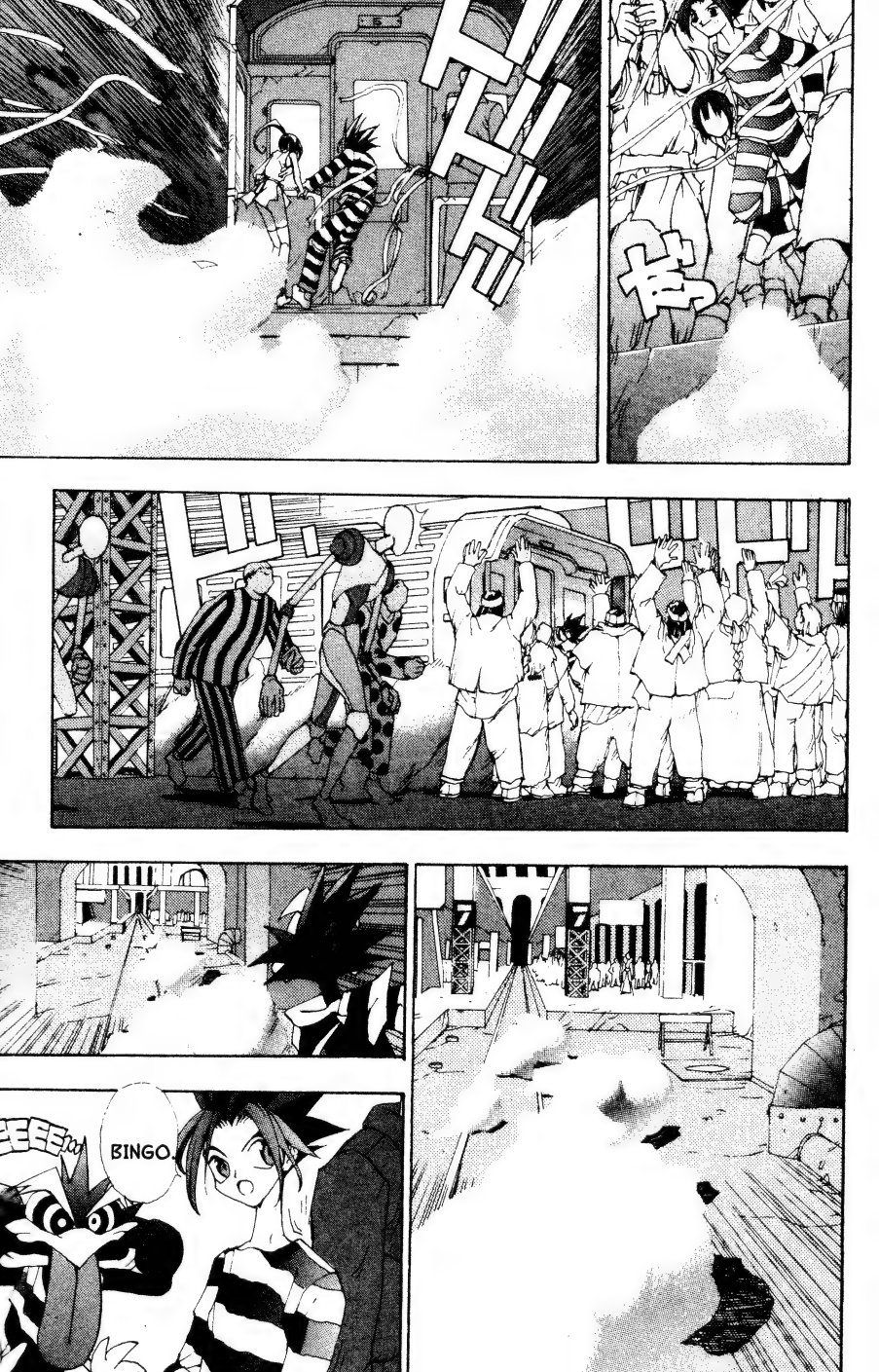
BINGO

A PINCH HANDICAP... YES, I'VE GOT AN IDEA!!
OWWW
BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN ESCAPE THE DREAM WORLD. OTHERS WILL COME LOOKING FOR US...
MAYBE IF I PINCH MY CHEEKS AS HARD AS I CAN, I'LL WAKE UP.
GYUUU

DESPERA
LOVE
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Concupis plusque
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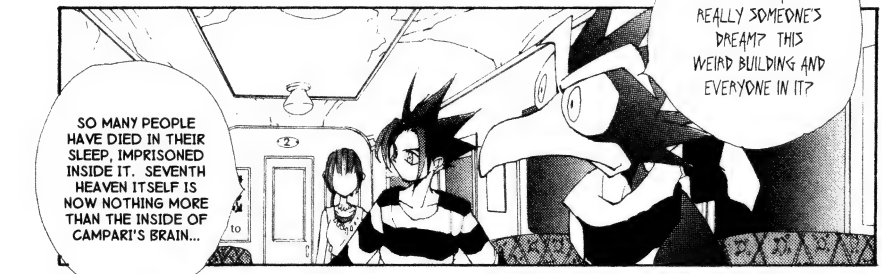

SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN THEIR SLEEP, IMPRISONED INSIDE IT. SEVENTH HEAVEN ITSELF IS NOW NOTHING MORE THAN THE INSIDE OF CAMPARI'S BRAIN...
I-IS THIS ALL REALLY SOMEONE'S DREAM? THIS WEIRD BUILDING AND EVERYONE IN IT?

SO...YOU KNOW HIS "SADNESS." BUT WHO ARE YOU REALLY, BENEDICTINE?
A BRAIN FILLED THROUGH THE YEARS WITH NOTHING BUT SADNESS...
I...
HEY! WE'RE HERE.. THE ENGINE ROOM!!

WOW WOW
BOW WOW
WHINE
GROWL
♫don't know much about geography....♪
GROWL
WHIMG

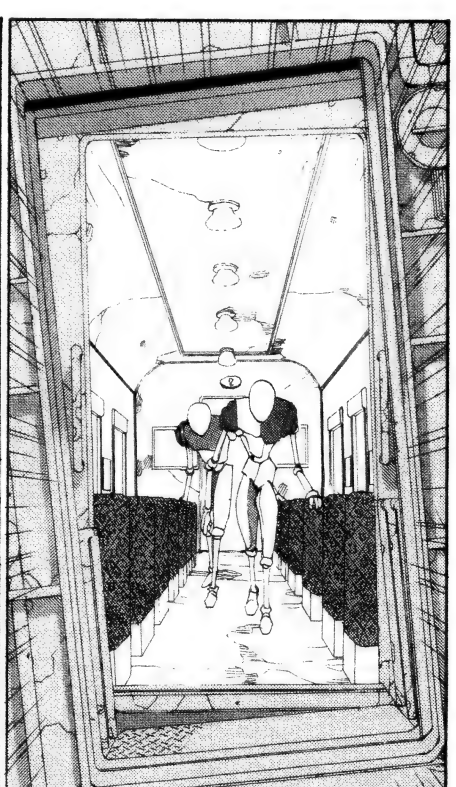
HOLD UP!
O-OKAY... I-I-I'LL DO A-A-ANY-THING! JUST DON'T K-KILL ME.
NO SUDDEN MOVES, SEE!
GAU!!
ALL RIGHT, THEN. NOW, MAKE THE DOGS BARK MORE!!
This time with feeling.
history... Biology... Science book french 9 too k
BOW WOW ROW BARK WOW
Y-Y-Y-Y-Y-Y-YESSIR!!!

DODO TRAIN

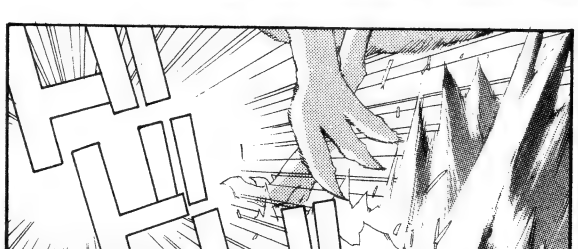
H-H-HOLD ON THERE, JING!! I KNOW YOU RELY ON ME AND ALL, BUT TWO HUMANS IS A BIT...

NOT YOU! THIS GUY!!!!

LOOK-- AT THE TOP!! IT'S NOT JUST BREAKING, IT'S BEING TORN APART!!
EVERYONE!! JUMP ON THE BIRD'S BACK!!



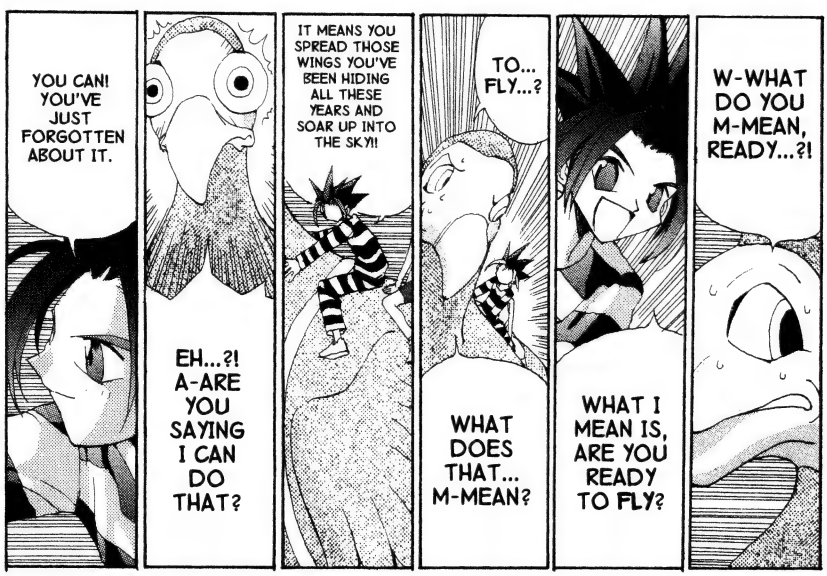
IT-IT- IT'S...GONNA BREAKKK.



HEY! JING, IT LOOKS LIKE OUR SEND-OFF FAILED TO GET OFF...

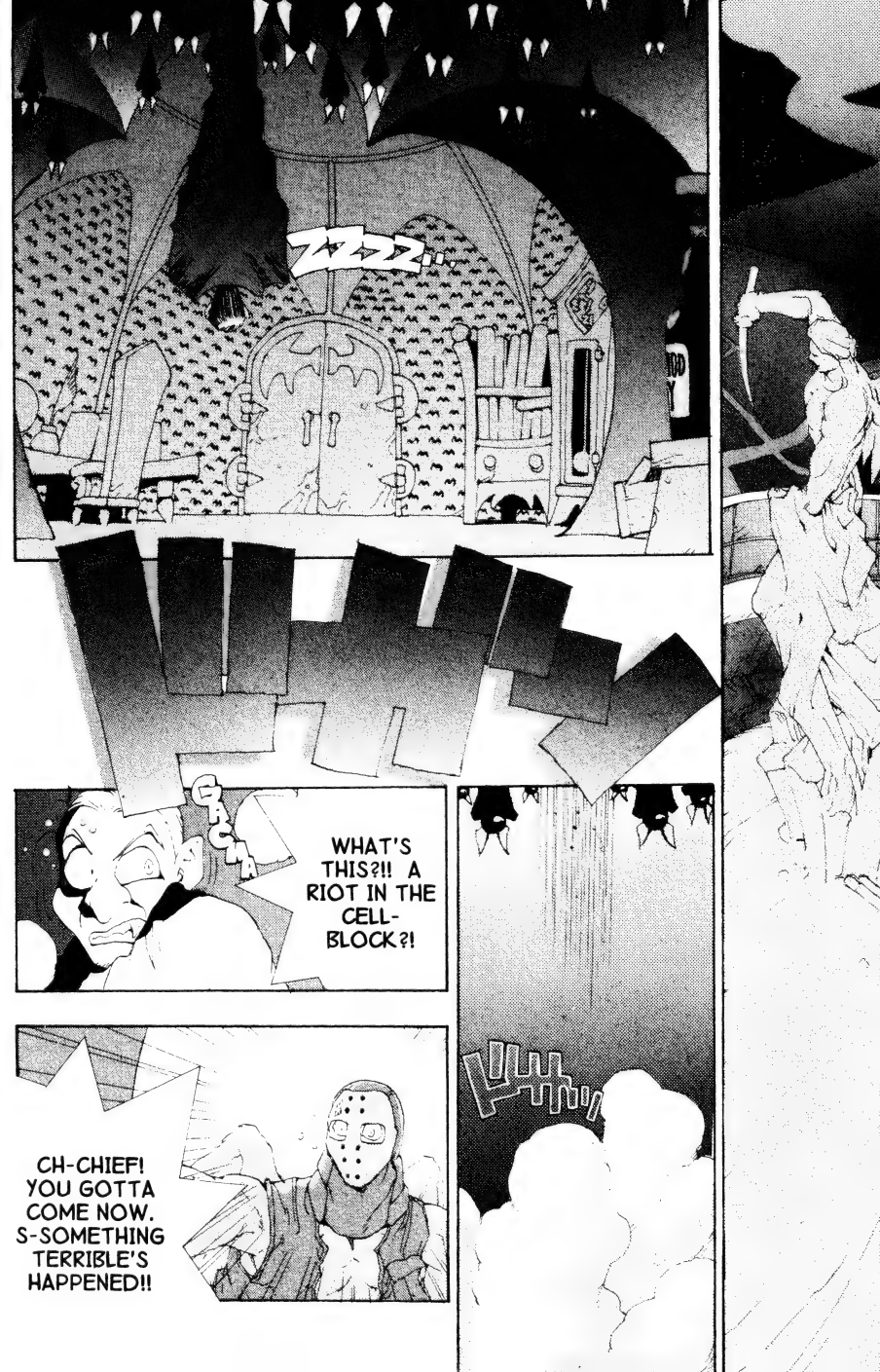
MORE! MORE!!

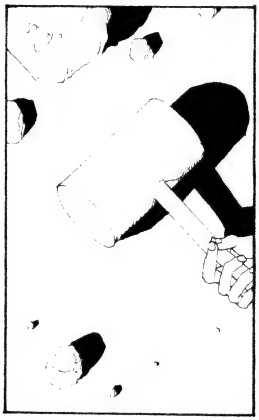
HEY!! MR. DODO--ARE YOU READY?

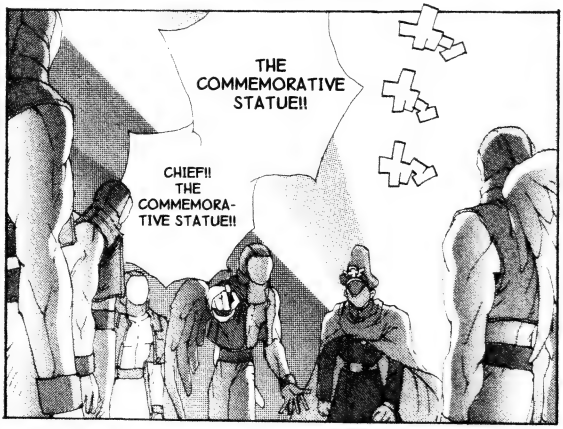

W-WHAT DO YOU M-MEAN, READY...?!
WHAT I MEAN IS, ARE YOU READY TO FLY?
TO... FLY...?
WHAT DOES THAT... M-MEAN?
IT MEANS YOU SPREAD THOSE WINGS YOU'VE BEEN HIDING ALL THESE YEARS AND SOAR UP INTO THE SKY!!
EH...?! A-ARE YOU SAYING I CAN DO THAT?
YOU CAN! YOU'VE JUST FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT.

COME ON! IF YOU DON'T DETACH, YOU'RE GONNA DERAIL, AND THAT'LL BE A BIG DISASTER.
Y-Y-Y-Y-YESSIIIIIR!!!
KIR! WHAT SAY WE POKE A WIND-HOLE IN THIS HERE DREAM?
DDDDDOKAYYY..
IT-IT'S NEVER TOO LAAAAA-TTTE!!

PATA PATA
PATA PATA
DEVOURED


ZZZZ...
CACHA
WHAT'S THIS?!! A RIOT IN THE CELL-BLOCK?!
CH-CHIEF! YOU GOTTA COME NOW. S-SOMETHING TERRIBLE'S HAPPENED!!



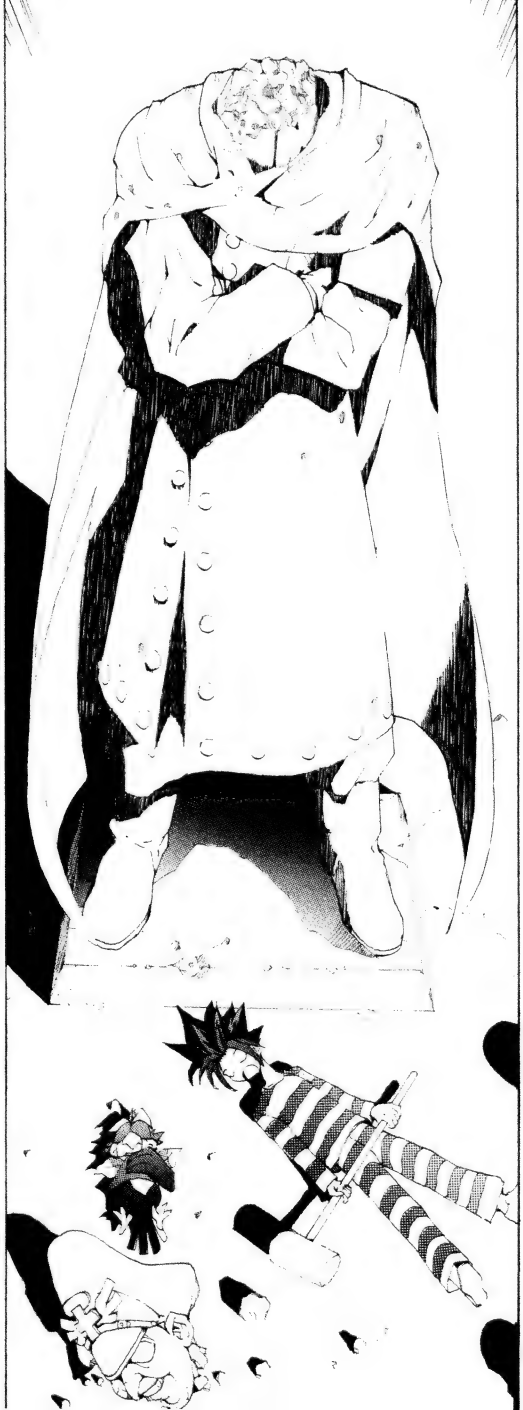

THE COMMEMORATIVE STATUE!!
CHIEF!! THE COMMEMORA-TIVE STATUE!!

WH... WHAT...?!

UHN?

SEE... YOU COULD FLY... LOOK...
YOU!! DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE?!

WHAT... AN ESCAPE... HUH?
. . . .
W..WHERE'S BENEDICTINE??



SHE'S... NOT... HERE...
EEP.
CHIEF!! H-HOW SHOULD I PUNISH--
TAKE THEM TO THE MOST ISOLATED CELL!!!

I CAN PERSONALLY GUARANTEE THAT THE NEXT LIGHT YOU'LL SEE WILL BE THE BLAZES OF HELL!!!
HEY, JING! IS THIS ALSO A DREAM? TELL ME IT'S A DREAM!!
JING? DID THEY LOCK YOUR MOUTH, TOO...?
HUH?

A
DREAM
IS SOMETIMES
CALLED
A SECOND
LIFE

17TH SHOT - A SNEEZE FROM THE SUN

IF THIS WERE TRUE...WOULD NOT THAT WHICH WE CALL "LIFE" BECOME MERELY THE OPENING ACT OF A DREAM...
...AND AN EXTREMELY BORING ACT BESIDES?
OR...!!
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AS WITH LIFE, WOULD IT NOT BE CONSIDERED MERELY A DREAM WE SEE WHILST PASSING INTO THAT SOUND SLEEP KNOWN AS "DEATH"?!
SWING!!

CRASH!
MAINLY...
...HUMANS ARE...
...TALKATIVE.
YES... NOTHING MORE THAN CHATTY SLEEP-WALKERS.
DORO DORO....

WAAAAAAA!!!

WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK, EVERYONE!!!

!?

WAAA

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-- ONE MORE ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE COURA-GEOUS LAD AND HIS TRUSTY SIDEKICK!!

THEN AGAIN, IT IS SOMETIMES SAID THAT TOO MUCH COURAGE CAN BE A NUISANCE...

...AND THAT EVEN MAGIC TRICKS ARE SOMETIMES EXECUTED IMPERFECTLY...

AH, LOOK! THIS...AND THIS...WERE THE VISCOUNT MEDARDO! I WONDER, WILL THEY ENLIGHTEN US AS TO THE CAUSE OF HIS INJURIES?
"THE CAUSE OF HIS INJURIES"?!! HAH! WE'RE LIKE THIS BECAUSE YOU FAILED TO PERFORM A SIMPLE MAGIC CHARM FOR HUMAN AMPUTATION.
IF ANYTHING, I'D SAY YOU SPLIT OUR BODY CLEAN APART... GRRRR.
BUT
WE'LL TEACH *YOU* A LEEESSS-SOOOON!
CHA!

UWAH!
WATCH IT-- IF I SWING THIS THING, THE TWO HALVES'LL-TURN INTO FOUR QUARTERS.
SEE YA!!

KINGDOM
STEP IT OUT!
BE CAREFUL! YOU MUST BE...
FOREVER DREAMER!
TURN TO EXIT!
YOUR DREAM IS
OVER THE SKY
HEAVEN'S DOOR!

HEY! WHAT'S ALL THIS... UPROAR?!
LOOKS LIKE A CARNIVAL. WITH ALL THOSE DREAMS JOSTLING EACH OTHER SO VIOLENTLY--A FESTIVAL WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER!
WELCOME
KOHCKI9

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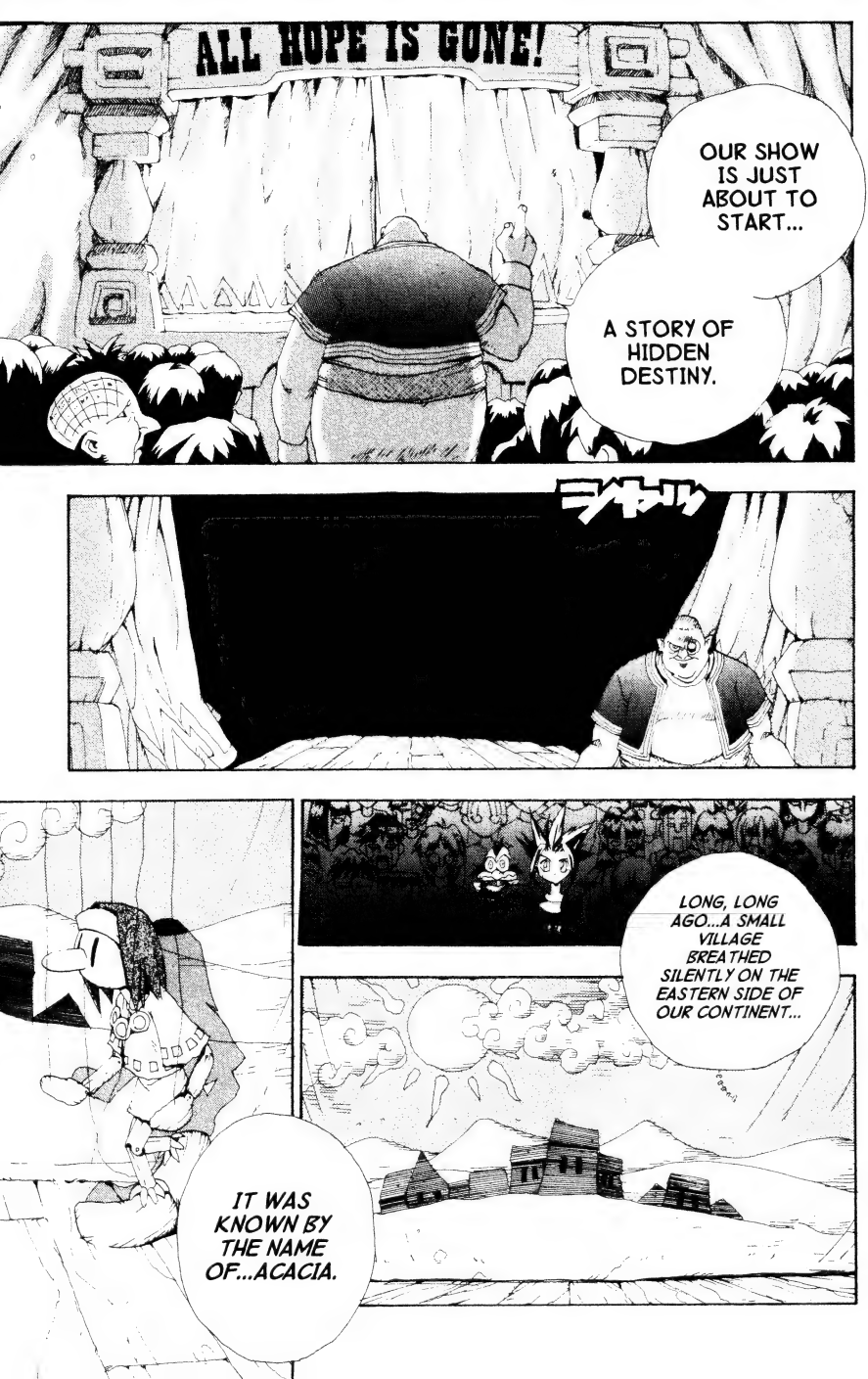
MY LIFE
MY TAPES
AS
SCOTT
FROST
RICK
OR
REAT
GAYA GAYA
KINGDOM
CONGREGATION CONGREGATED IN HIS HOUSE OF GOD. ONCE UPON THE CROSS, DEICIDE...
GAYA GAYA
BULLET THE BLUE SKY
TRIP THROUGH YOUR WIRES
RED HILL MINING TOWN
MOTHERS OF THE DISAPPEARED
MAGIC
HOUSE

YOU MAY BE SMALL, BUT YOU LOOK LIKE A FINE ENOUGH MAN.
C'MON, LET'S TEST YOUR STRENGTH!!

ALL RIGHT, I'LL GIVE IT A TRY.
HERE GOES...
HAMMER SMASH!
OOPS-A-DAISY! HIT THE MAGIC EXPLODE IF YOU USE THIS GAME HABITUALLY YOU MAY BECOME ADDICTED TO IT...
GWAH!

WAAA
DOGOW
GOO GOO GAA GAA!
I'm half the man I was.
THAT LITTLE BRAAAT.
HEY, AT LEAST IT'S YOUR GOOD SIDE!

AAAAA
!!
COME ONE, COME ALL... THOSE TAKING A BREAK FROM THEIR DAILY BUSINESS, DO COME IN.


ALL HOPE IS GONE!
OUR SHOW IS JUST ABOUT TO START...
A STORY OF HIDDEN DESTINY.
LONG, LONG AGO...A SMALL VILLAGE BREATHED SILENTLY ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF OUR CONTINENT...
IT WAS KNOWN BY THE NAME OF...ACACIA.

THE ACACIANS WERE SIMPLE AND PURE OF HEART...THEIR SPIRITS WERE COMPLETELY UNACQUAINTED WITH DOUBT.
THEY COEXISTED PEACEFULLY WITH THE EARTH, WORSHIPED THE SUN AND REVERED THE WIND. AND THEY SPENT MANY DAYS IN PEACE.
HOWEVER...
...EVERYTHING CHANGED WHEN THE "BEARDED MEN" APPEARED!!
THESE MEN ABRUPTLY TOLD THE ACACIANS TO LEAVE THEIR BELOVED LAND...AND WHEN THE ACACIANS REFUSED, THE BEARDED MEN RAN AMOK.
BUT THE ACACIANS CONTINUED TO REFUSE THEIR DEMANDS...UNTIL ONE DAY...
GAAAAA

!!?
¿¡¡
R.P
OF COURSE, IT WAS MEANT AS A WARNING FOR THE "BEARDED MEN."
...THE SUN "SNEEZED"!!
JING... TH...THAT'S...
HE'S ...

CAM...
PARI...
!
WHEN I RETURNED AFTER SO MANY YEARS...NOT EVEN A TRACE OF MY VILLAGE WAS LEFT!!
THAT SETTLEMENT OF DISGUSTING "BEARDED MEN" HAD TRAMPLED MY HOMETOWN.
EVER SINCE THE DAY I SAW WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THAT PLACE...
...MY DREAMS WERE NO MORE.
GROOOOO

SO...
...I DECIDED TO BUY EVERY-ONE ELSE'S DREAMS. EVENTUALLY, I LIVED ONLY TO RECEIVE THEM.
TO DO THIS, I USED A GRIEVING TOY CALLED THE "DREAM ORB"...
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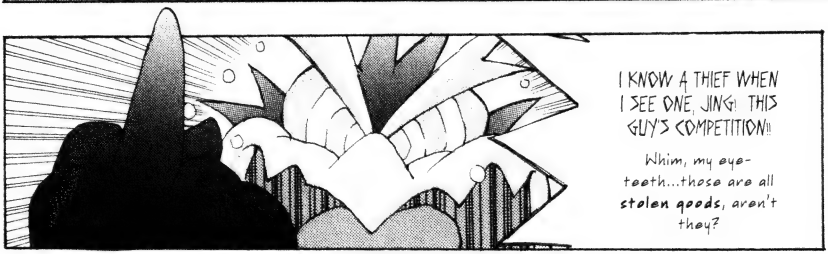
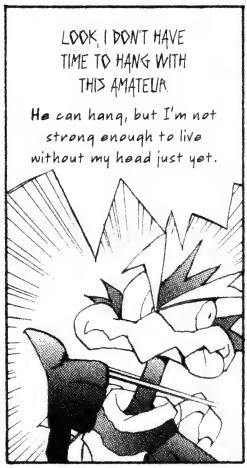
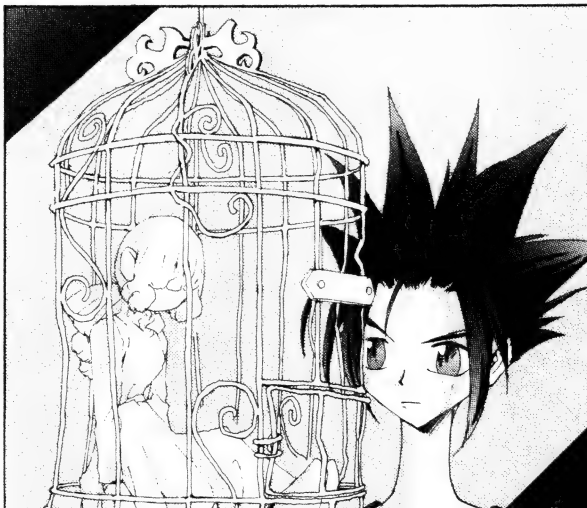
DAN
CAN!

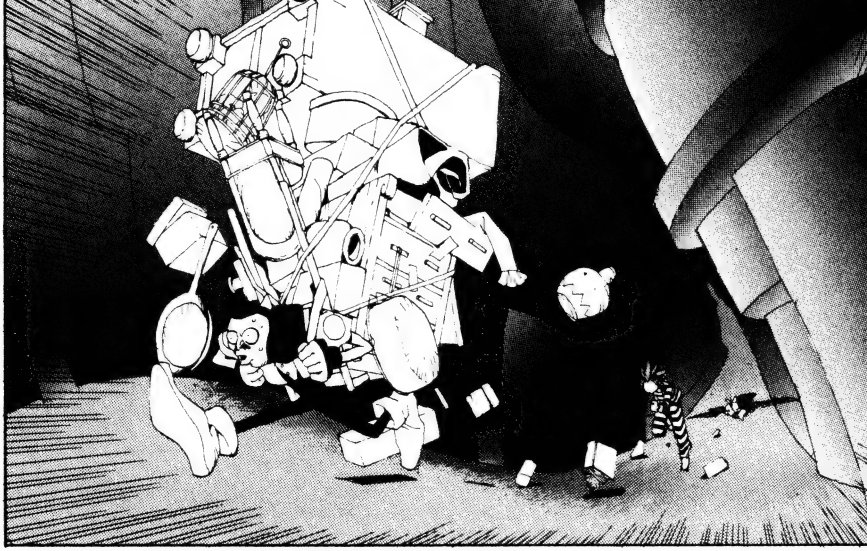
EH... OH...I... UH...ON A WHIM...QUITE WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE.


I KNOW A THIEF WHEN I SEE ONE, JING! THIS GUY'S COMPETITION!!
Whim, my eye-tooth...those are all **stolen goods**, aren't they?


LOOK, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO HANG WITH THIS AMATEUR.
He can hang, but I'm not strong enough to live without my head just yet.

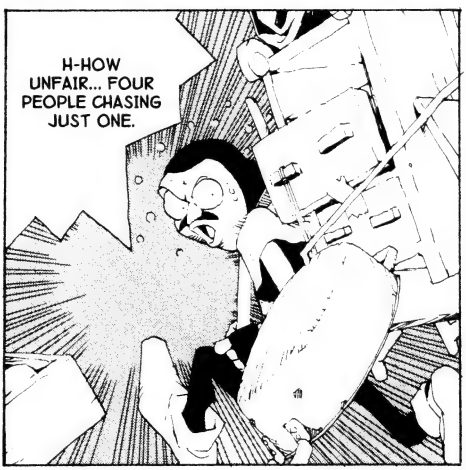


A DREAM THIEF, EH?
SORRY, BUT WE'LL BE NEEDING THAT DOLL.
Y-Y-Y-YOU SAY THAT...BUT YOU'RE REALLY PLANNING TO CAPTURE ME, AREN'T YOU?
AAAAAA



WELL... HOLD ON, KIR.
JING!! WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT SOME RAGGEDY OLD DOLL?
We could use Kir Royale...

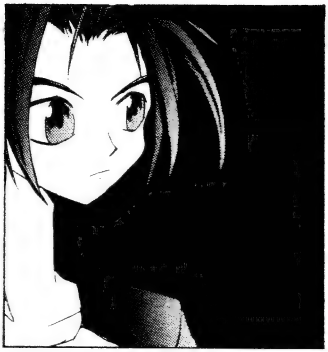
FOUR PEOPLE?!


H-HOW UNFAIR... FOUR PEOPLE CHASING JUST ONE.

GAKIN!
GAKIN!
HE'S GETTING AWAY! I'M GOING AFTER HIM.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, EXACTLY?!?!?!
P-P-PARDON MEEEEEE!!

HUH?!
HEY, I'VE GOT WINGS..
..SO WHY AM I FALLING..?

WAAAHH!



WHY, YOU ASK...?
WHY HAVEN'T I LEFT THIS PETTY PRISON?
BECAUSE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, I NO LONGER HAVE A PLACE TO LEAVE TO...
THE WORLD CAN BE A PRISON UNTO ITSELF, MY YOUNG KING OF BANDITS!!
JING?
WE ARE BOTH ROOTLESS WANDERERS, YOU AND I.

FLOWERS MAY BLOOM IN DUCKWEED. BUT...LOOK HERE!!
FOR THIS HUMAN BODY AMPUTATION...
...I'VE GOT NO TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE!
HMPH!
WHAT CHILDISH MAGIC!!!

JING!! ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHEW.
THUD
HUH, THAT'S NO GOOD. AS SOON AS I GO TO THE TROUBLE OF RE-ATTACHING HIM, HE DIES.
Irreconcilable differences, maybe?
DON'T DISAPPEAR JUST YET, CAMPARI!!
TSK.

OH... AND...
WAIT TILL YOU SEE MY MAGIC... THEN DECIDE!!
GARA GARA
AND ...NOTHING.
HEY, JING CAN YOU ACTUALLY DO MAGIC?
MMM.
Estimado lector.
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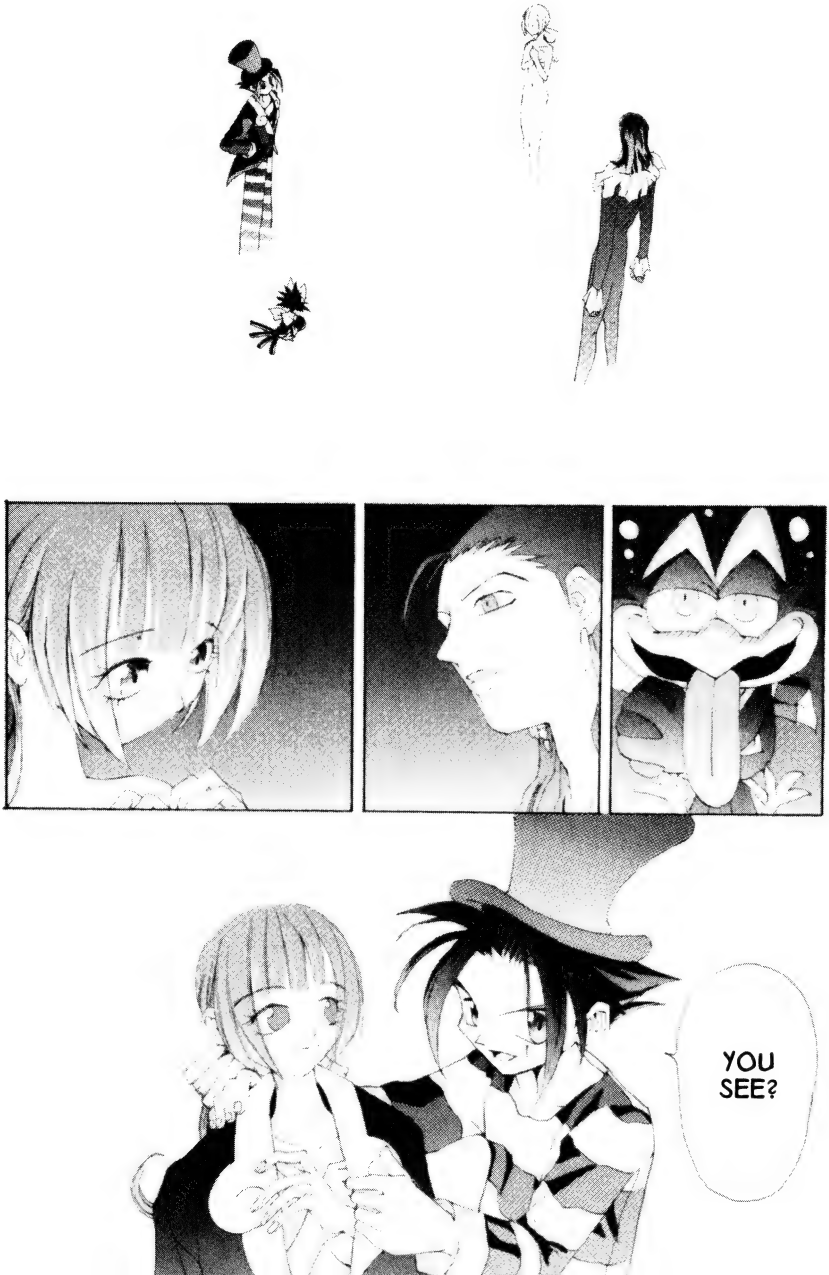
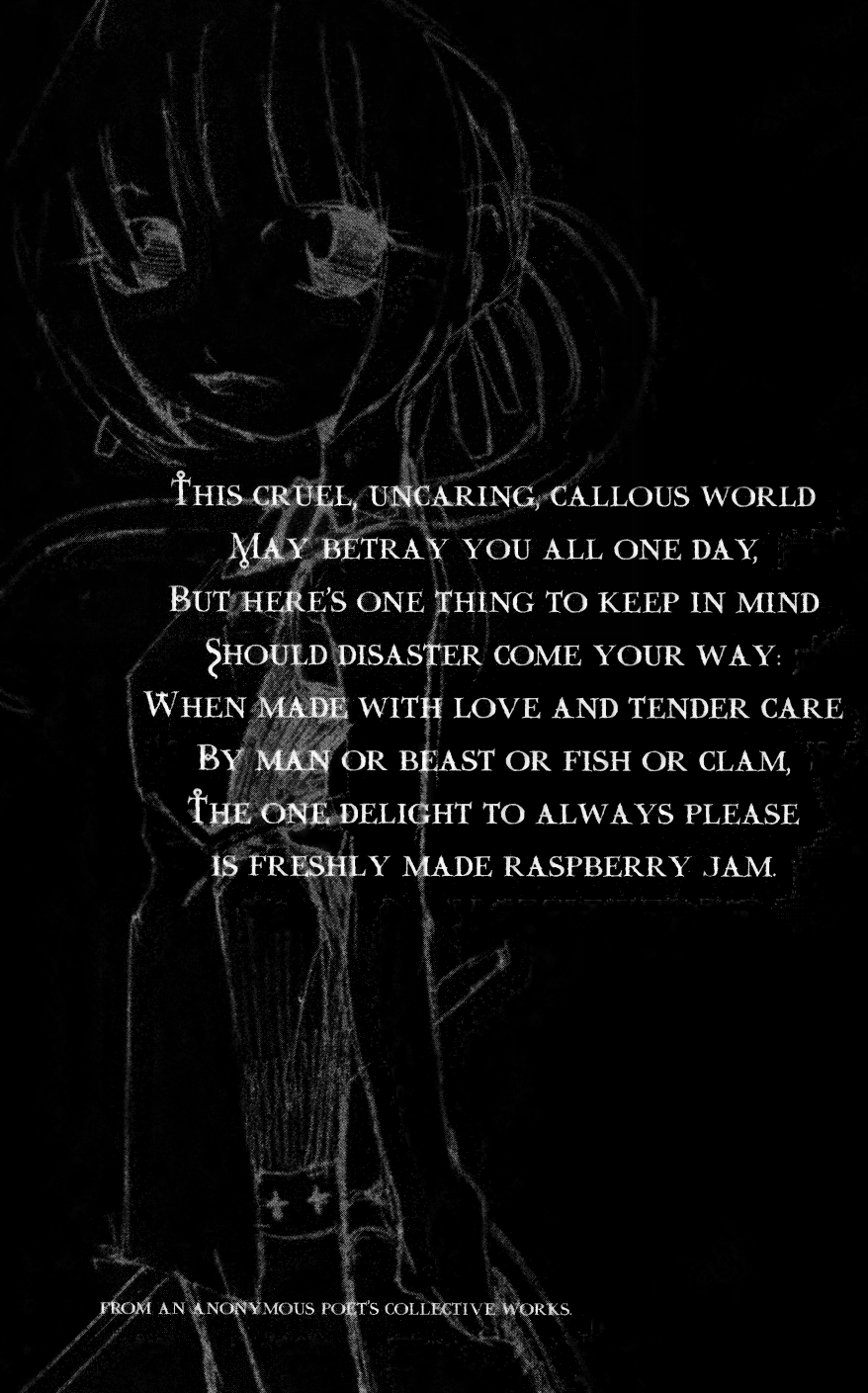
WH-WHAAAT'S WITH THE POT?
HAHAHA!
IF YOU RUB IT, DOES A GENIE APPEAR?
AHA! THIS IS IT!!
LET'S FIND OUT!!!
GLOP


YOU SEE?

FLOWERS LIKE THIS WON'T BLOOM IN DUCKWEED.
BUT WAIT! THE SECOND ACT IS ABOUT TO START!



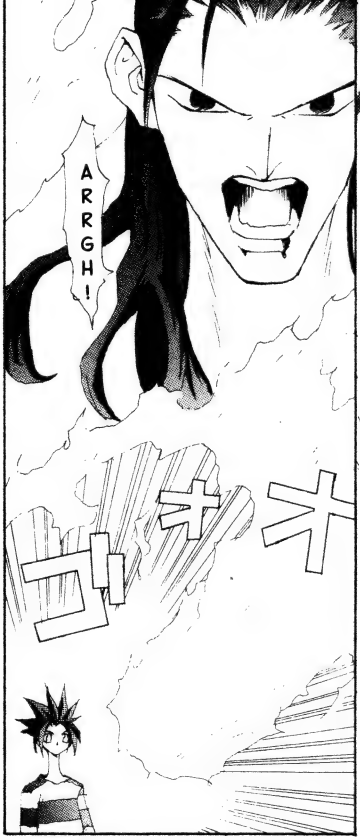
This cruel, uncaring, callous world
May betray you all one day,
But here's one thing to keep in mind
Should disaster come your way:
When made with love and tender care
By man or beast or fish or clam,
The one delight to always please
Is freshly made raspberry jam.

From an anonymous poet's collective works.

O Children sown from fertile soil,
With your Acacian eyes so blue...
No wonder that the sky above
Is always there within your view!
To stumble with eyes looking down
Is just an ordinary trip,
But while you're looking at the stars
It's such a graceful, wondrous slip!

18TH SHOT - THE HOMETOWN'S WHEREABOUTS

THIS DOLL IS A RELIC FROM YOUR HOME-TOWN...ISN'T IT, CAMPARI?
LOST RACE
IN FACT, IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A DOLL THE ACACIANS CREATED TO LOOK LIKE A BRIDE THE DAY BEFORE HER WEDDING...
AH! YES!! OF COURSE!!
GARI
BUT EVEN SO...WHAT'S IT TO ME?!
THE VILLAGE OF ACACIA...NO LONGER SURVIVES... EVEN IN MY DREAMS!!


ARRGH!
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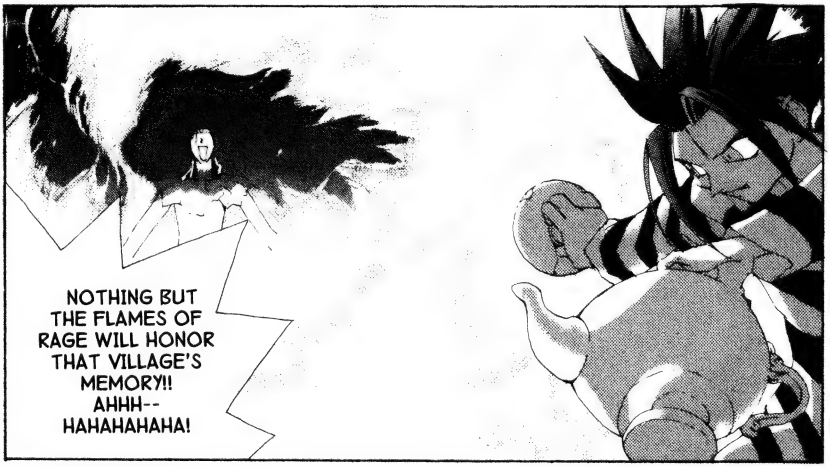
EVERYTHING HAS BEEN LONG SINCE SENT TO THE SUN... HAS TURNED TO NO MORE THAN FLAME AND ASH.

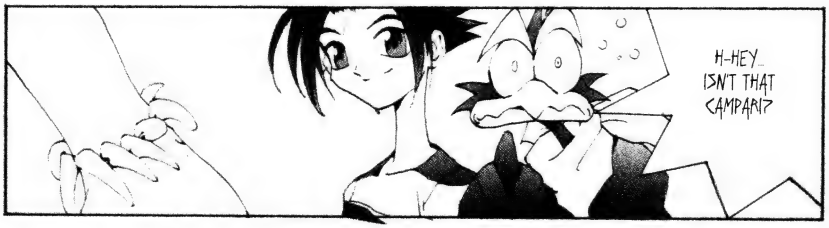

NOTHING BUT THE FLAMES OF RAGE WILL HONOR THAT VILLAGE'S MEMORY!! AHHH-- HAHAHAHAHA!

NO-- YOUR VILLAGE IS STILL ALIVE AND KICK-ING!! RIGHT BEHIND YOU, IN FACT!!
TCH
SH!

OH!!
SOMEONE'S
COMING!!

THIS...
THIS IS...

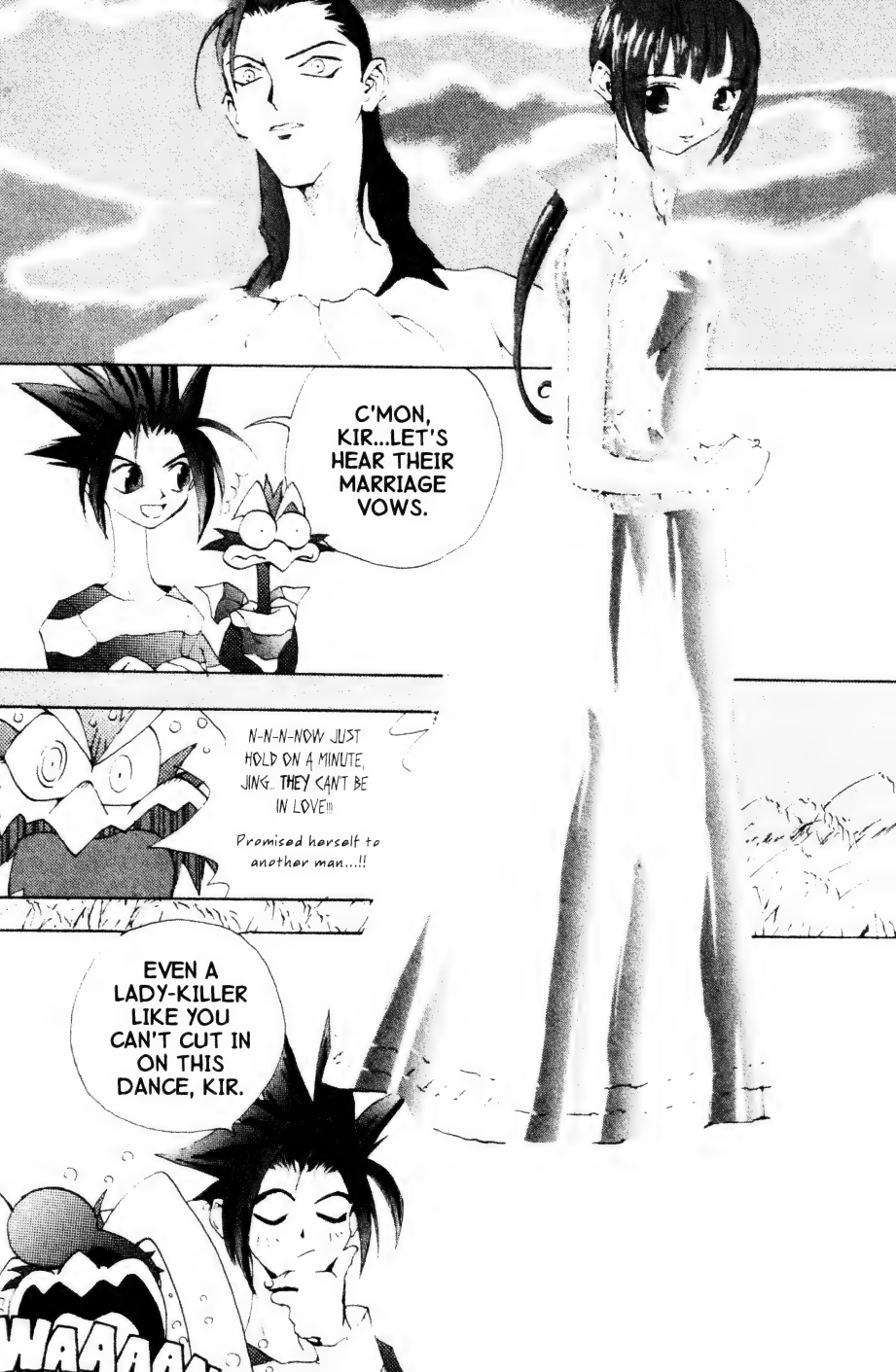
THE VILLAGE...
OF ACACIA.


H-HEY... ISN'T THAT CAMPARI?

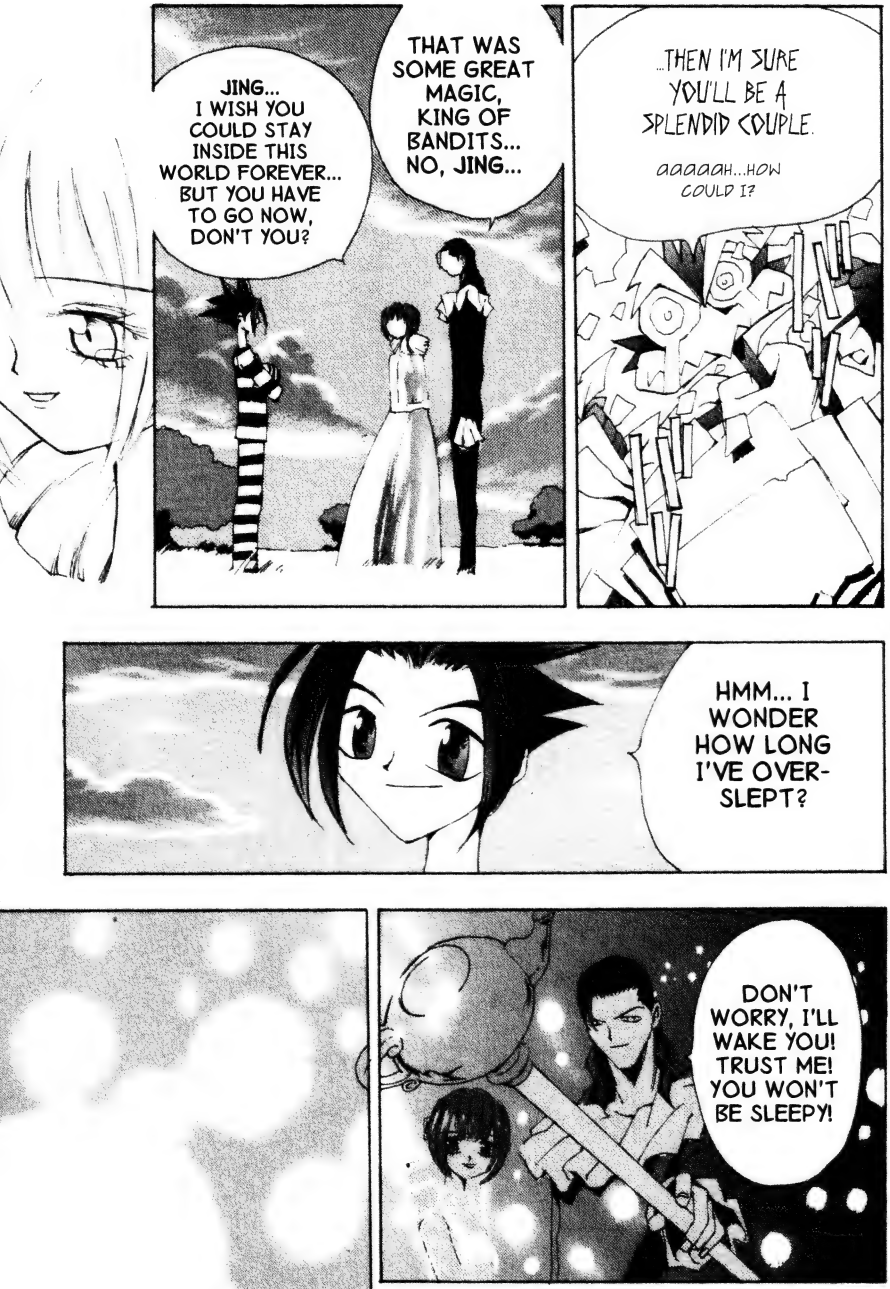
THE DAY OF THAT FESTIVAL... SHE AND I CAME HERE. WE STILL HAD TIME TO DANCE BACK THEN...AND IN THE EVENINGS...MY FAVORITE THING WAS TO WATCH THE SUN GO DOWN IN THIS FIELD.
YES... THAT'S ME, ALL RIGHT... AND THE GIRL...

WE TALKED OF MANY THINGS...MOSTLY JUST SILLY, CHILDISH STUFF...BUT I WAS VERY HAPPY ALL THE SAME. AND AFTER TALKING FOR AWHILE...
...THE GIRL ASKED ME, "WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?" I TOLD HER I WANTED TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL PEOPLE'S DREAMS.
AS YOU KNOW...I FULFILLED THAT AMBITION.
I ASKED THE GIRL THE SAME QUESTION...BUT BEFORE SHE COULD REPLY, OUR FRIENDS FROM THE VILLAGE CAME TO JOIN US.
EVEN SO, AS SHE STOOD TO GREET THEM, I DEFINITELY HEARD HER SAY VERY SOFTLY, BUT CLEARLY...

..."I WANT TO BE CAMPARI'S BRIDE."
SO THAT GIRL HAS LIVED SOMEWHERE INSIDE YOUR HEART FOR ALL THESE YEARS. YOU NEVER STOPPED BELIEVING IN HER, EVEN AFTER YOU HAD GROWN UP...
...YOU NEVER STOPPED WAITING FOR HER PROMISE TO BE FULFILLED!!


C'MON, KIR...LET'S HEAR THEIR MARRIAGE VOWS.
N-N-N-NOW JUST HOLD ON A MINUTE, JING.. THEY CAN'T BE IN LOVE!!!
Promised herself to another man...!!
EVEN A LADY-KILLER LIKE YOU CAN'T CUT IN ON THIS DANCE, KIR.
WAAAA

AWRIGHT..
SURE AS THE SUN RISES AND THE SUN SETS, DO YOU VOW UNDER THE GRACE OF THAT ETERNAL LIGHT TO LOVE EACH OTHER ALL YOUR NATURAL LIVES.?
I DO.


JING... I WISH YOU COULD STAY INSIDE THIS WORLD FOREVER... BUT YOU HAVE TO GO NOW, DON'T YOU?
THAT WAS SOME GREAT MAGIC, KING OF BANDITS... NO, JING...
...THEN I'M SURE YOU'LL BE A SPLENDID COUPLE.
aaaaah...HOW COULD I?
HMM... I WONDER HOW LONG I'VE OVER-SLEPT?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL WAKE YOU! TRUST ME! YOU WON'T BE SLEEPY!

I HEARD EVER SINCE HE WAS PUT IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, HE'S DONE NOTHING BUT SLEEP ALL DAY.
MEBBE HE DIED IN HIS SLEEP, THEN... HUH?!
SHAKA
THAT SNEAKY LITTLE BRAT GOT AWFULLY COOPERATIVE ALL OF A SUDDEN, DIDN'T HE...?
BOGOOOOM
!!?
W-WHAT 'APPENED?!
WAHH!!
GAGAGAGA

HEY! WAKE UP, KIR. I KNOW IT'S NIGHTTIME, BUT W-A-K-E U-P!!
THAT WAY.
HEY, HEY...COULD YOU DIRECT ME TO MARASCHINO'S OFFICE?
OH...AH...

!!
WHO'S THERE?!

W-WHAT THE...?! OF ALL THE HOURS TO...?!

WELL, TOO MUCH SLEEP IS PRETTY UNHEALTHY...SO WE LET OUR-SELVES OUT!!

YOU TWO! BUT HOW DID YOU ESCAPE FROM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT...? ONLY I CARRY THE KEY...

OH, JUST A CHILD UP PAST HIS BEDTIME.

WH-WHAT DID YOU SAY?

WELL! THIS TIME I'LL PUT YOU INTO A STATE-OF-THE-ART SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FACILITY THAT YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN'T ESCAPE FROM! IT'S CALLED A COFFIN...EVER HEARD OF IT?
CRACK
CRACK
WHAT'S THIS? SURELY YOU DON'T THINK BLOWING ON A FLUTE THAT MAKES NO SOUND...
HUH?!

W-WHAT'S WRONG, MY PETS?!!?!!?!

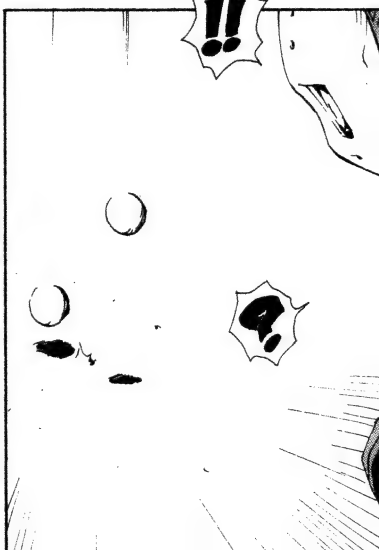
PETS, EH? MORE LIKE INTELLIGENT ANIMALS WHO CAN DIFFERENTIATE HIGH NOTES INAUDIBLE TO ALMIGHTY MAN!!
T-THAT FLUTE-- THOSE KIND OF NOTES?
BLAST IT! THE CHIEF'S ROOM IS OPEN--OH, NO!!!

DAAAAAH!
WHOOPS
UWAH!
OOOKAAAY.
!!?

B-B-BUT CHIEF!!!
I DON'T WANNA HEAR YOUR EXCUSES!!
TRYING TO KILL MY PRECIOUS BATS?! YOU IMBECILES !!!!!!!!!
QUICK! THERE HE GOES!!
!
I GUESS THE ONLY WAY TO DO THIS WITHOUT HURTING THE BATS IS TO HURL OURSELVES AT HIM...

NOW THEN... HAS EVERY-ONE BEEN HAVING GOOD DREAMS LATELY?

WELL, FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T, WHY NOT TRY THIS ONE ON FOR SIZE?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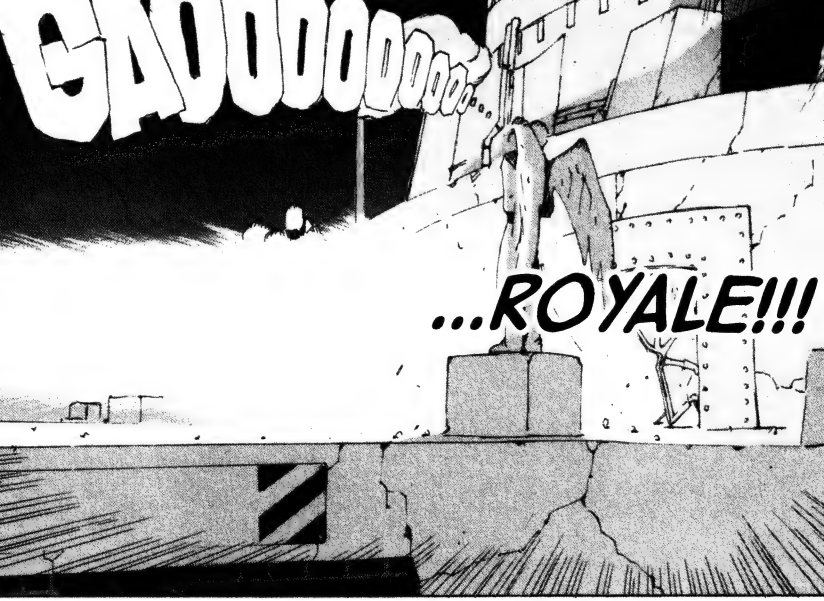
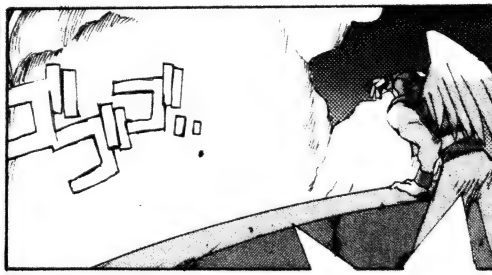
WHICH CUT DO YOU PREFER? LENGTHWISE OR CROSSWISE?
HIYAAAA..
UH, JING.. I THINK WE MIGHT HAVE A TINY LITTLE RIOT ON OUR HANDS.

THAT CONJURER JUST FREAKIN' DUMPED THE DREAM ORB ON 'EM, DIDN'T HE..?!
WELL, AT LEAST IT'S A SPECTACULAR SEND-OFF! THANKS, CAMPARI!!
NOW, THEN...IT'S JUST THE MAIN GATE AFTER THIS. LET'S GO TO IT, KIR!!
KIIIIIR...
I CONCUR... IN FACT, LET'S GO WITH A KIR ROYALE À LA CHAUVE-SOURIS— WITH BATS!


GAOOOOOOO...
...ROYALE!!!

CHIEF!! IF WE DON'T--
OH.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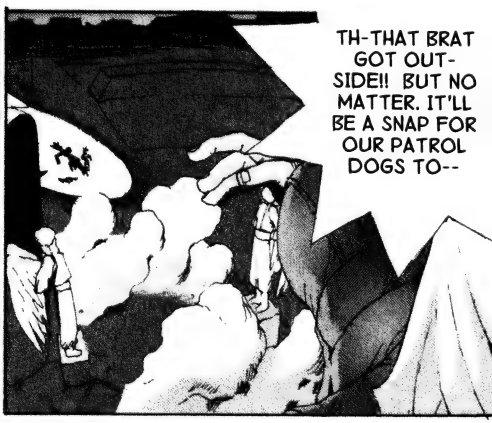
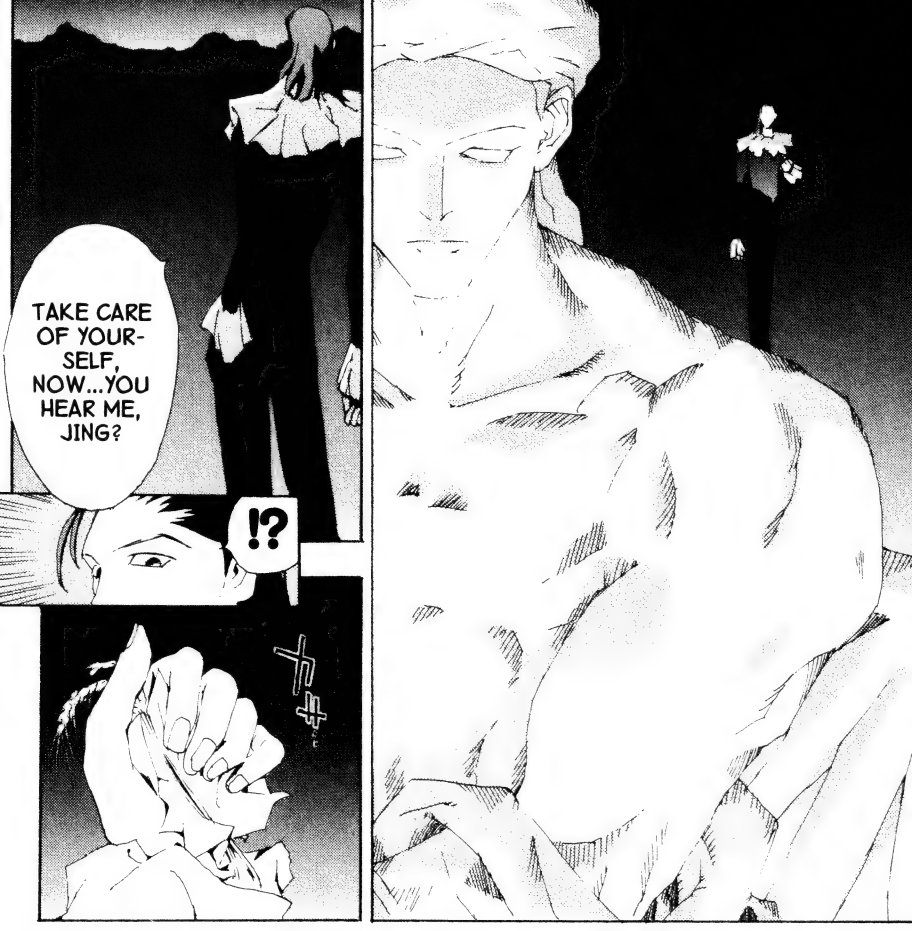
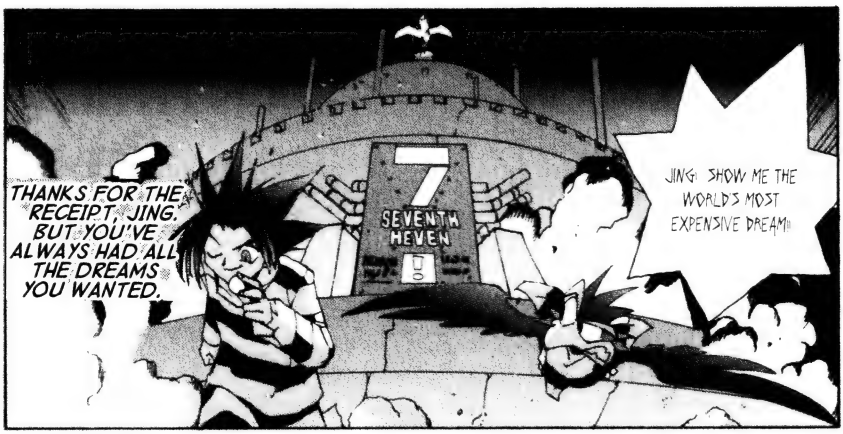

TH-THAT BRAT GOT OUT-SIDE!! BUT NO MATTER. IT'LL BE A SNAP FOR OUR PATROL DOGS TO--

TA-DAHH!
CHIEF, WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU DOING IN...THAT... GET-UP?
SEVENTH HEVEN
ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR HENCHMAN. FOLLOWING THAT LITTLE RASCAL...FROM THE SKY!
I'm a human flying machine!
AH--
THE SKY...BUT CHIEF! CHIEF?!
YOU HAVE SEEN MY INSIGNIA, HAVEN'T YOU?! IT'S A BAT. A BAT!


TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, NOW...YOU HEAR ME, JING?
!?

I've relieved the sleepless king of his illusions!
Here's your receipt.
Ho Ho Ho

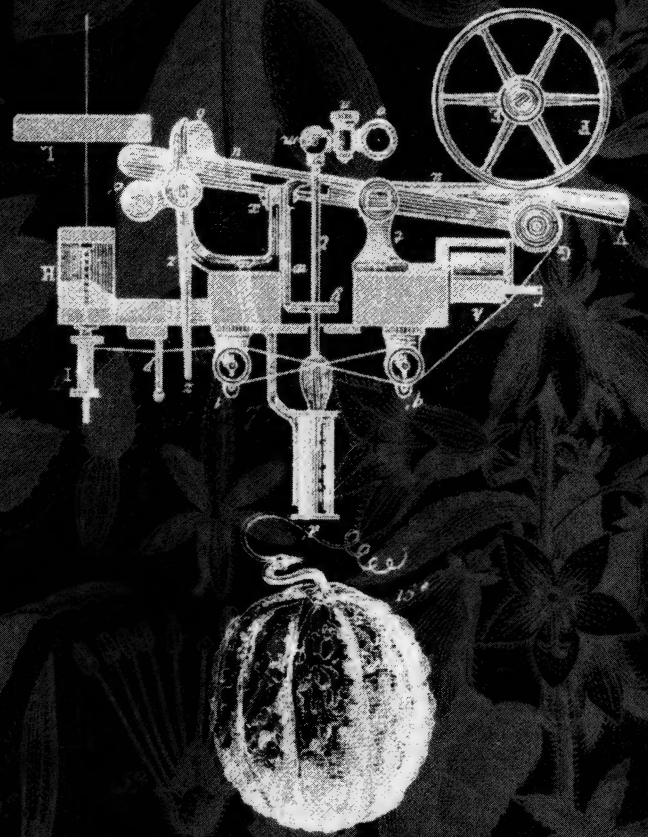
HEH. GUESS I'M DEFEATED... BUT AT LEAST HE'S TRUST-WORTHY.

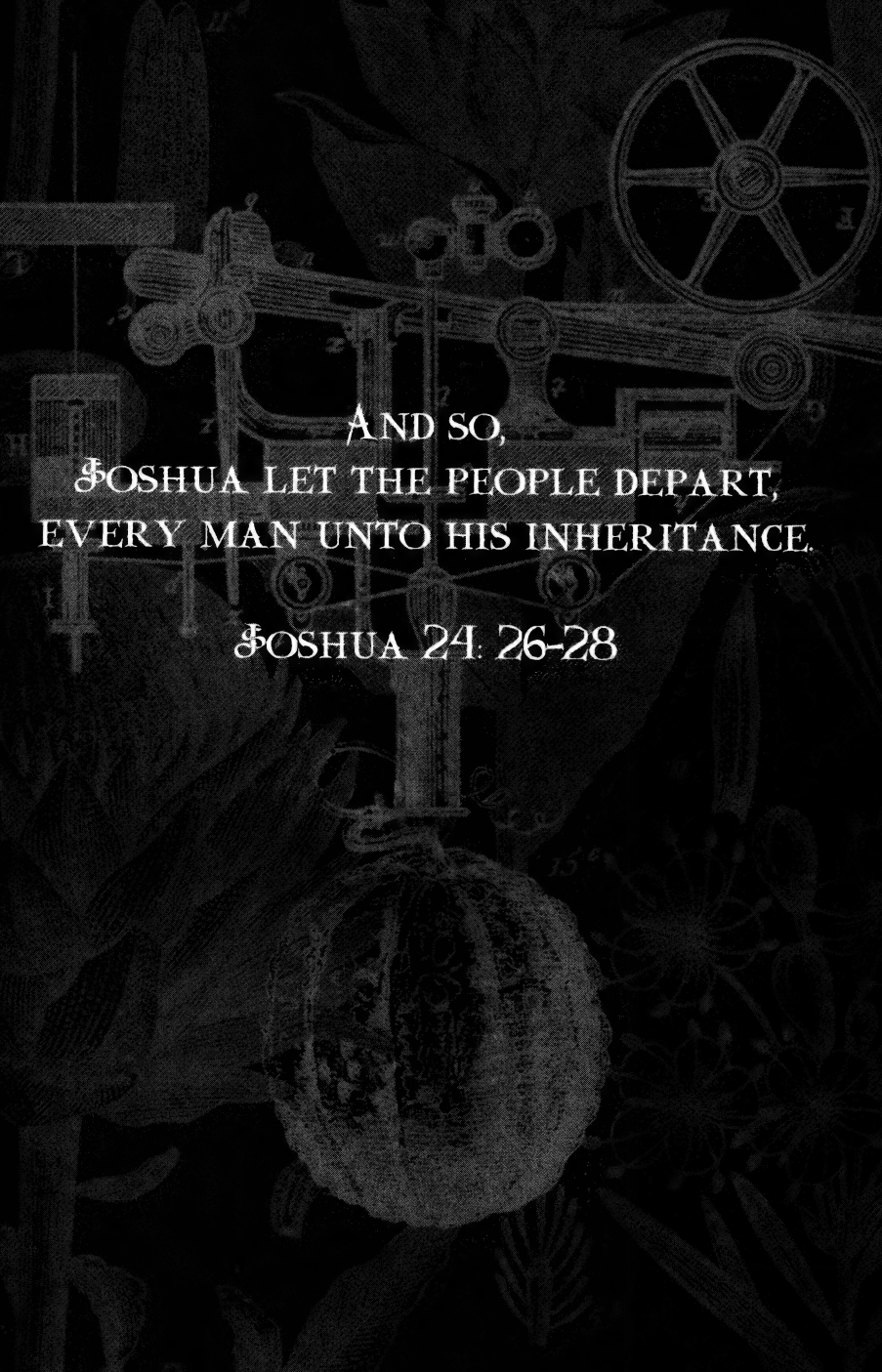

THANKS FOR THE RECEIPT, JING. BUT YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD ALL THE DREAMS YOU WANTED.
7
SEVENTH HEVEN
JING: SHOW ME THE WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE DREAM!!

AS FOR CERTAIN OF MY WORDS, I WILL TAKE THEM BACK... WORDS LIKE, "THE WORLD IS A PRISON"...
HEEEYY!! THIS DREAM IS REALLY SOMETHIN'!

...BECAUSE SOMEWHERE IN THIS WORLD, I'M SURE THERE'S A TOWN WHERE THAT YOUNG SEEDLING WILL ONE DAY BE ABLE TO BLOSSOM...
7
SEVENTH HEVEN

And Joshua wrote these words in the book
of the law of God. And he took a great stone,
and set it under an oak tree near the sanctuary
of the Lord. And Joshua said unto all the people,
"Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us,
For it hath heard all of the words the Lord
Hath spake unto us."
It shall therefore be a witness unto you,
Lest ye deny your God.

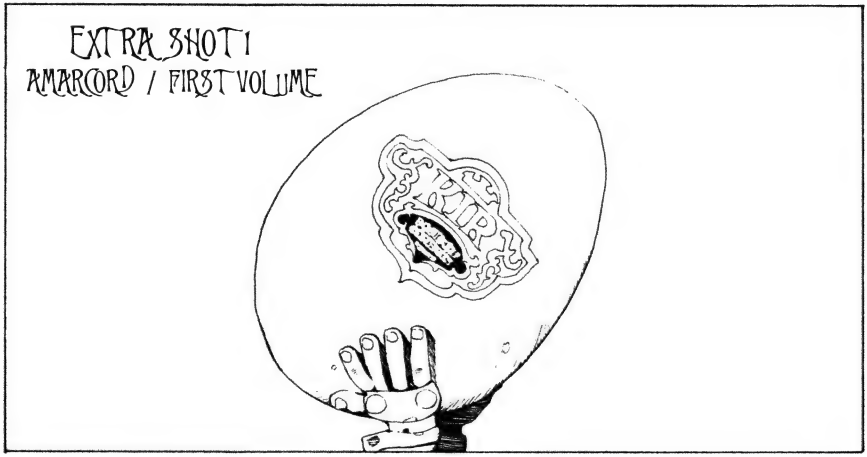




And so,
Joshua let the people depart,
every man unto his inheritance.

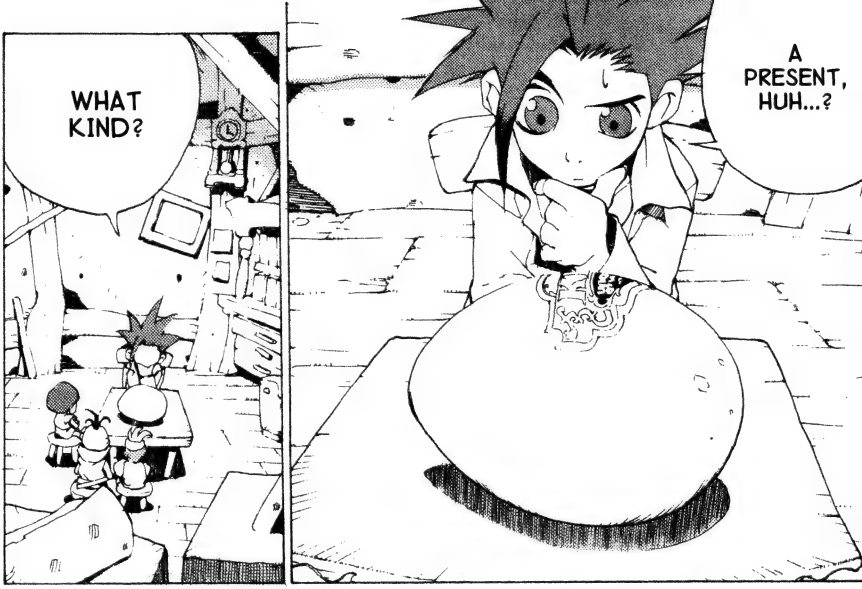
Joshua 24: 26-28

EXTRA SHOT 1
AMARCORD / FIRST VOLUME

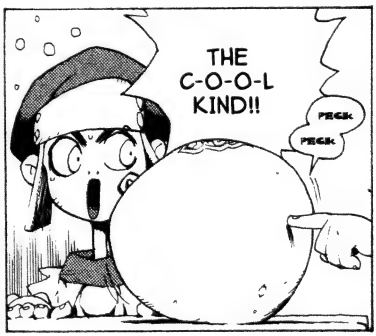


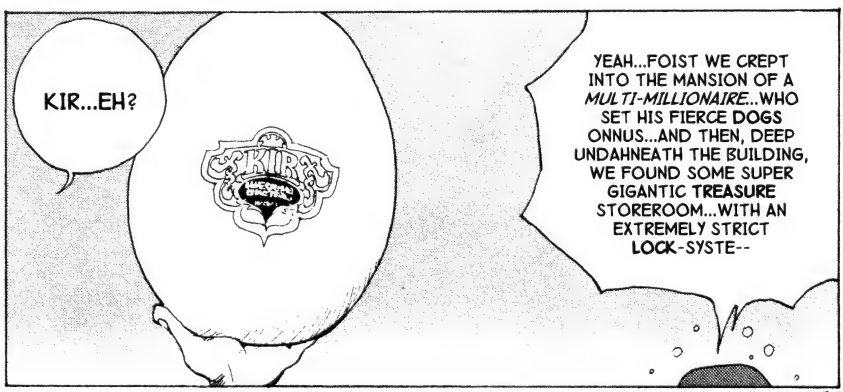
Извините за беспокойство.
TATATATATA-pao!
YEAH! WHAT'D WE DO IF SOMETHIN' HAPPENED TO THIS LI'L TREASURE...?
I KNOW, HUH?
WHOA, MINT--THAT WAS CLOSE!!
HEY, UH...WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO WITH IT, ANYWAY...?
WAAAAAH!
YOU GUYS AGAIN--THREE GOOD-FOR-NOTHIN' STRIKE-OUTS!!
DA
IT
OH.

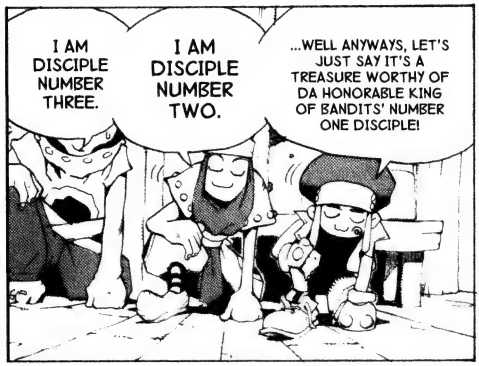
!
OH JIIIING-- SPECIAL DELIVERY, JUST FOR YOUUU!
ZUSHI
PHEW
JIIING...
OHHH! IT'S YOU GUYS!!
H-HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JING!!
DRACULA 1931
I KNOW! WHY DON'T WE GIVE IT TO BIG BROTHER JING?

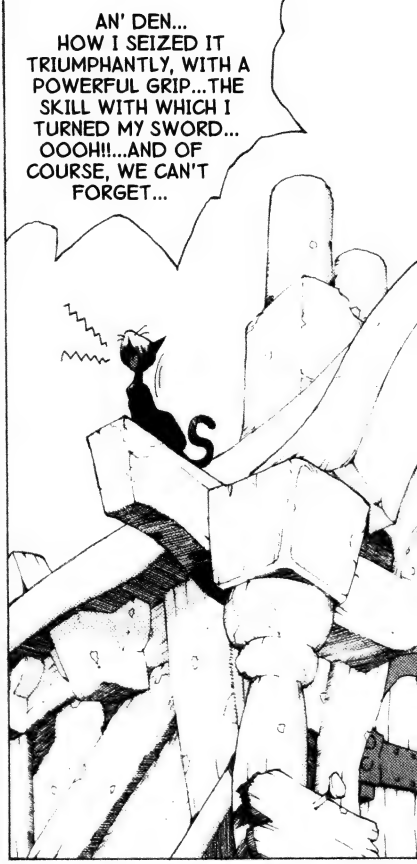

WHAT KIND?
A PRESENT, HUH...?

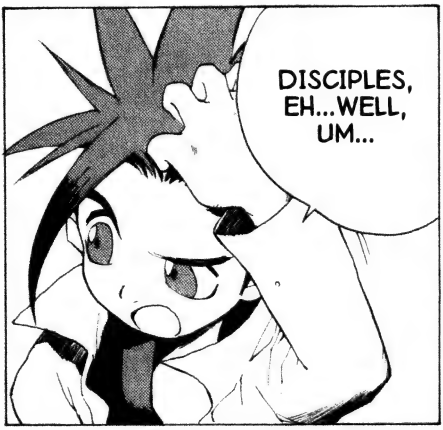
...WELL, WE...*OBTAINED* THE ITEM WITH ALL OF OUR SKILL.
YEAH...IN HONOR OF JING'S FIELD OF EXPERTISE, I...

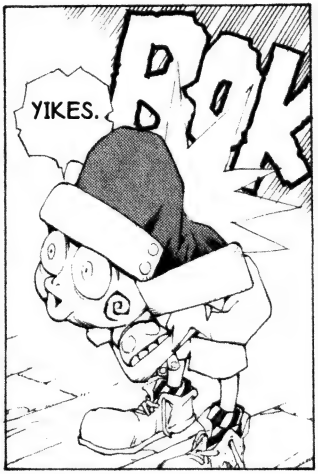

THE C-O-O-L KIND!!
PECK
PECK


KIR...EH?
YEAH...FOIST WE CREPT INTO THE MANSION OF A *MULTI-MILLIONAIRE*...WHO SET HIS FIERCE DOGS ONNUS...AND THEN, DEEP UNDAHNEATH THE BUILDING, WE FOUND SOME SUPER GIGANTIC TREASURE STOREROOM...WITH AN EXTREMELY STRICT LOCK-SYSTE--


I AM DISCIPLE NUMBER THREE.
I AM DISCIPLE NUMBER TWO.
...WELL ANYWAYS, LET'S JUST SAY IT'S A TREASURE WORTHY OF DA HONORABLE KING OF BANDITS' NUMBER ONE DISCIPLE!


AN' DEN... HOW I SEIZED IT TRIUMPHANTLY, WITH A POWERFUL GRIP...THE SKILL WITH WHICH I TURNED MY SWORD... OOOH!!...AND OF COURSE, WE CAN'T FORGET...


DISCIPLES, EH...WELL, UM...


YIKES.
BOK

THASS RIGHT!
AN APPROPRIATE GIFT FOR THE KING OF BANDITS' EXTRA-HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EH, JING?

HO! HO! HO!
WIREPULLER.
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I THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE ONE PULLING THE STRINGS ON THESE DUMMIES' BACKS, JING!!

NAH, THIS JOB WAS OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL.

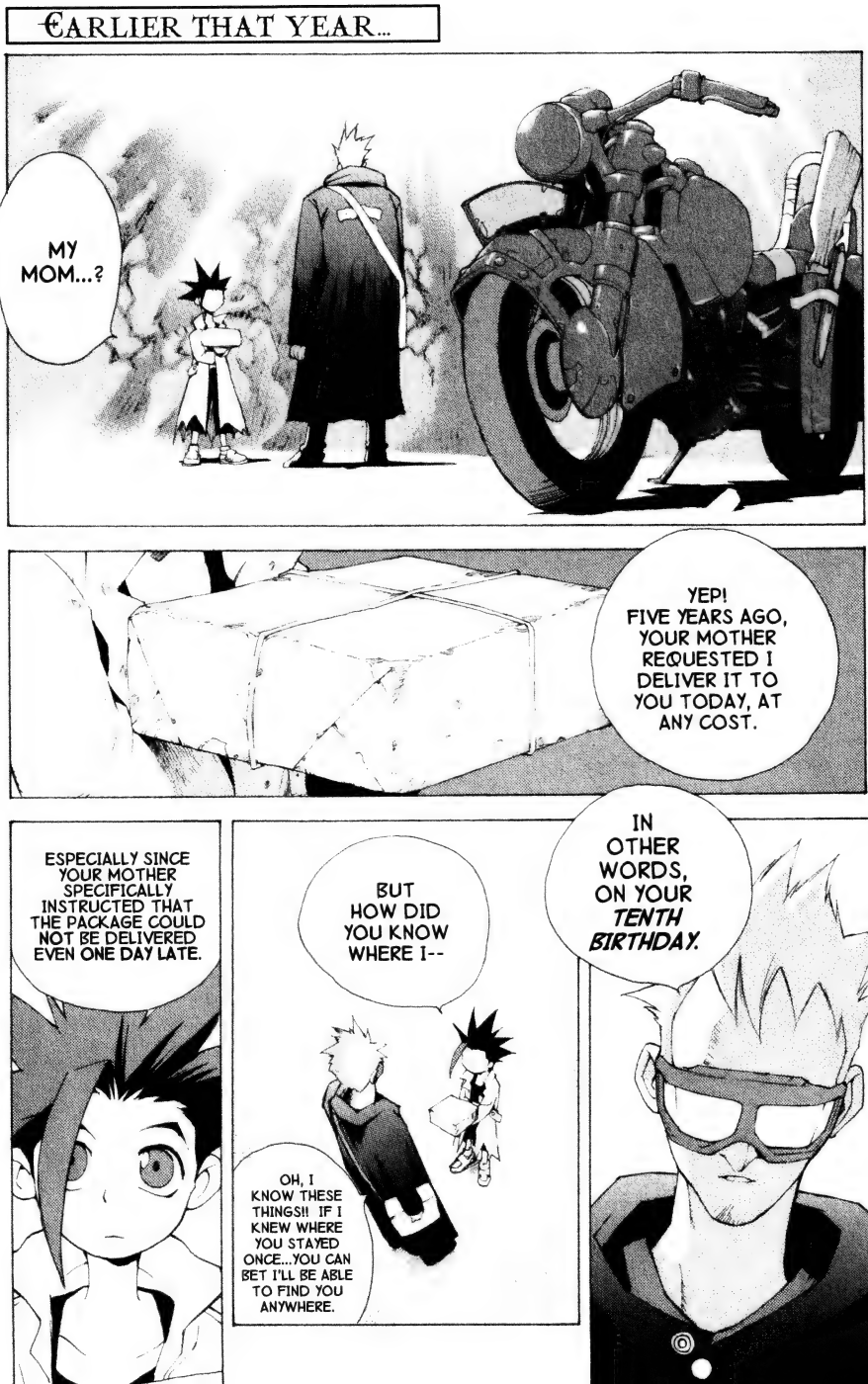
HEY, HEY... VIOLENCE IS NO LAUGHING MATTER.
BOK

WHY YOU STRAIGHT-PITCHED SON OF A-- WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN?!!

BESIDES, WHAT KIND OF TREASURE...
KAW!
YEAH, POMME?
HEY, CLOVE...
...GETS SWIPED FROM THE WINDOW OF THAT SECONDHAND STORE OVER THERE?
IT'S KIND OF SCARY... YOU KNOW?
YEAH, SCARY...
Y-Y'KNOW ABOUT CASSIS, RIGHT?
YEAH.

I MEAN, A GIRL WHO DRESSES LIKE THAT...?
HAAAAAH, I'M POOPED!
IT'S A TOUGH JOB, CARRYING OUT THE JUSTICE AROUND HERE...
But this is a confiscation.
BUT IF SHE DIDN'T DRESS LIKE A BOY, SHE'D BE TAKEN BY THE SPIRITS OF THE FOREST. THEY CAN ONLY DO IT IF THEY KNOW SHE'S A GIRL, RIGHT?
YOU IDIOT!! THE SPIRITS'LL HEAR YOU IF YOU GO AROUND SAYIN' IT ALL LOUD LIKE THAT!!
UGH.

WHUDDEVA. YOU ACT LIKE YOU CAME HERE TO PICK A FIGHT OR SOMETHIN', BUT REALLY YOU JUST WANTED TO SEE JIIING...
BUT... CASSIS...
HEY JING, WHAT'S THIS PACKAGE?
...OH!
YOU SEE...IT'S FROM MY MOM.
IT'S A PRESENT FROM MY NUMBER ONE WOMAN, ALL RIGHT!!
BAN!
PRETTY BIG, HUH? COULD IT BE FROM JING'S GIIIRL-FRIEND?


EARLIER THAT YEAR...
MY MOM...?
YEP! FIVE YEARS AGO, YOUR MOTHER REQUESTED I DELIVER IT TO YOU TODAY, AT ANY COST.
IN OTHER WORDS, ON YOUR TENTH BIRTHDAY.
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE I--
OH, I KNOW THESE THINGS!! IF I KNEW WHERE YOU STAYED ONCE...YOU CAN BET I'LL BE ABLE TO FIND YOU ANYWHERE.
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOUR MOTHER SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED THAT THE PACKAGE COULD NOT BE DELIVERED EVEN ONE DAY LATE.

AND WHEN YOU REACH YOUR TENTH BIRTHDAY, THIS ITEM WILL BE NEEDED FOR YOUR RIGHT HAND, SHE SAID.
APPARENTLY, THIS HERE BOX HOLDS SOMETHING WITH A DEEP CONNECTION TO THAT BUM RIGHT HAND OF YOURS... THAT'S WHAT YOUR MOTHER SAID, ANYWAY.
WELL, NOW! LOOKS LIKE MY WORK'S DONE HERE!!
BOOT
VROM!
HMMM... FROM MOM, EH?
SEE YA! CALL ME IF YOU NEED ME!!
BLOM!
VRRRRRRR!

GRIME ROYAL
WHOA-- CHECK OUT THAT GUN!!
L-LEMME SEE--!!
M-ME TOO.
QUIT IT!!
H-HEY...
NOW...
HEEEHHH, IT'S A "CRIME ROYAL." WOW!!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING...
OH!!
HEY, HEY, HEY...
SHEESH... LIKE MOTHER, LIKE SON...A FIREARM FOR A BIRTHDAY PRESENT!

MOM, MOM, MOM... QUITE THE MOMMA'S BOY, AREN'T YOU?!!
...WITH MY PRESENT... FROM MY MOM?
QUITE SO. FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD SO FAR...
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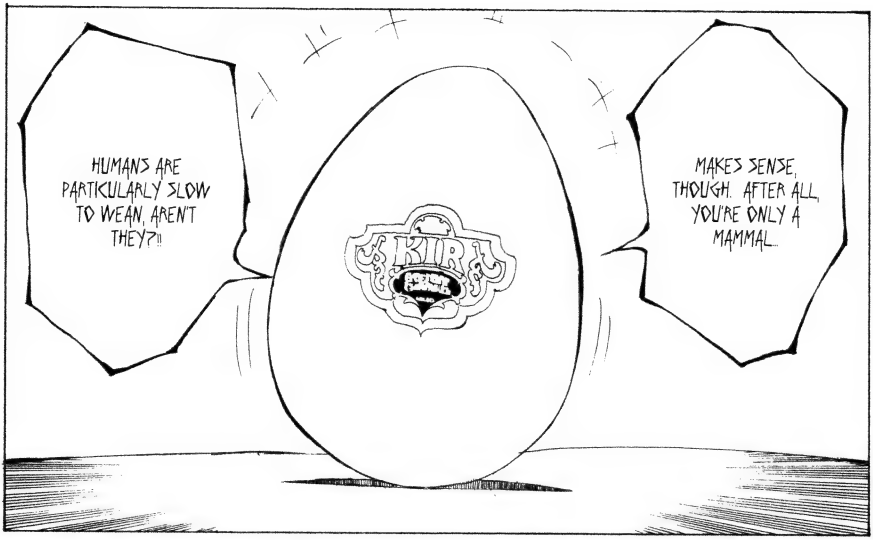
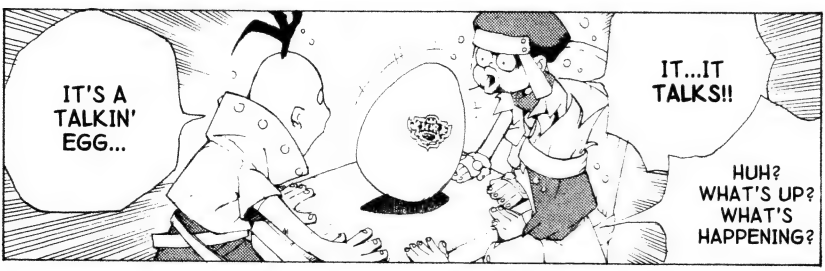
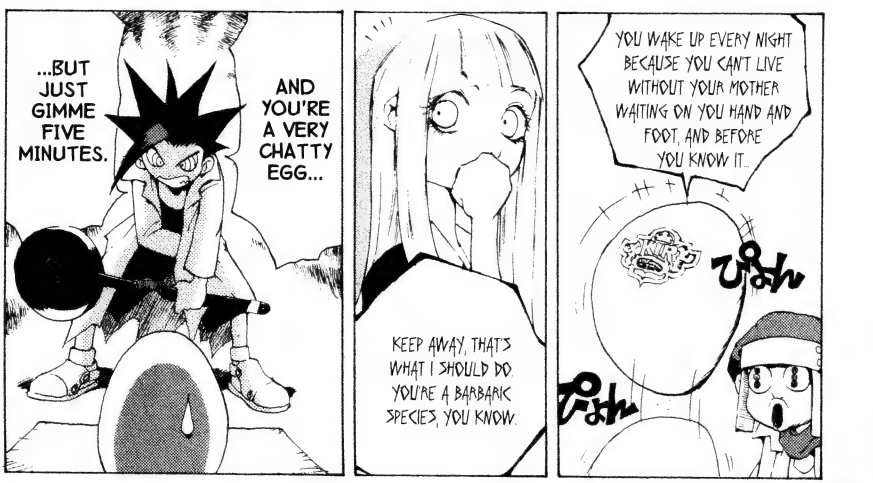

HUMANS ARE PARTICULARLY SLOW TO WEAN, AREN'T THEY?!!
KIRBY
MAKES SENSE, THOUGH. AFTER ALL, YOU'RE ONLY A MAMMAL...


IT'S A TALKIN' EGG...
IT...IT TALKS!!
HUH? WHAT'S UP? WHAT'S HAPPENING?


...BUT JUST GIMME FIVE MINUTES.
AND YOU'RE A VERY CHATTY EGG...
KEEP AWAY, THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD DO YOU'RE A BARBARIC SPECIES, YOU KNOW.
YOU WAKE UP EVERY NIGHT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOUR MOTHER WAITING ON YOU HAND AND FOOT, AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT...
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I'LL TURN YOU INTO A NICE, QUIET OMELET!!
DAAN!
WHAT THE?! SOME WELCOME THIS IS.
KYAH!
CON!
IT'S A BANQUET, IT'S A BANQUET! IT'S A PARTY, IT'S A PARTY!
A WELCOMING PARTY AND A BIRTHDAY PARTY SOUNDS INTERESTING, NO?
BANQUET, HUH?
PARTY... HUH...?!
I HAVE TO SAY... GUESTS ALWAYS PREFER A MORE GENIAL WELCOME THAN THIS. PARTIES WORK NICELY... AS DO DELICIOUS BANQUETS.

...DON'T DROP THE RED...DRINK UP THE WHITE!
RAISE THE RED, RAISE THE WHITE...
AHAHA... HUHUHUHUH UHUH!
SPIN! SPIN!
AW, C'MON, JING. C'MERE!!
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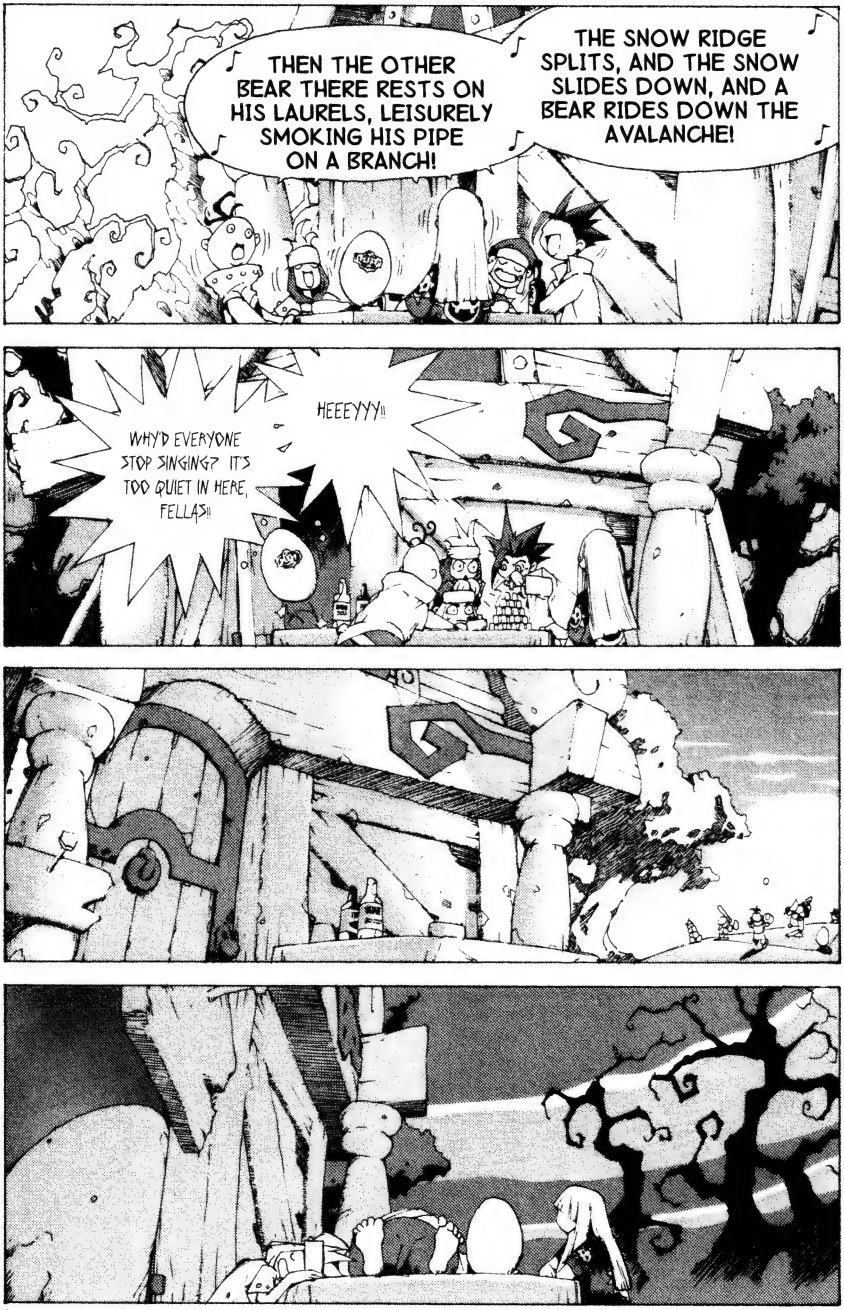
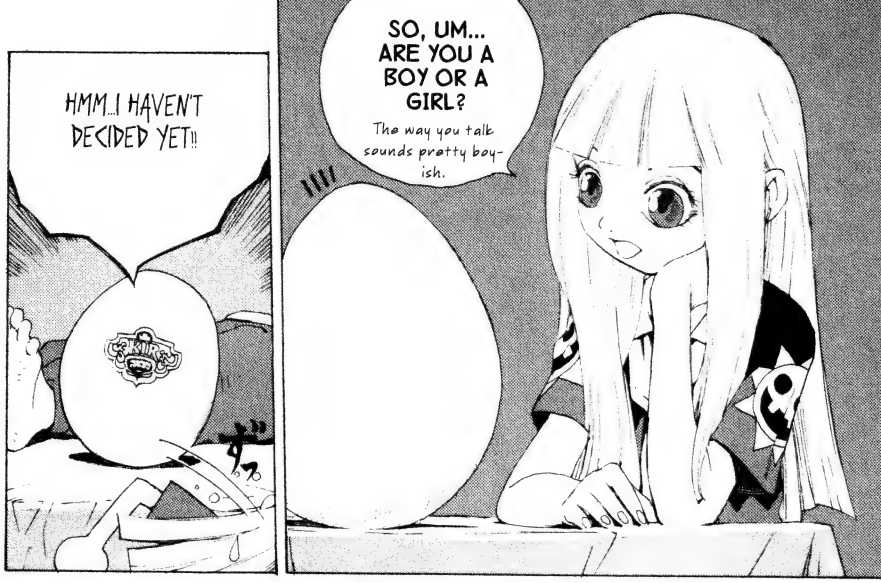

THEN THE OTHER BEAR THERE RESTS ON HIS LAURELS, LEISURELY SMOKING HIS PIPE ON A BRANCH!
THE SNOW RIDGE SPLITS, AND THE SNOW SLIDES DOWN, AND A BEAR RIDES DOWN THE AVALANCHE!
WHY'D EVERYONE STOP SINGING? IT'S TOO QUIET IN HERE, FELLAS!!
HEEEYYY!!


HMM...I HAVEN'T DECIDED YET!!
SO, UM... ARE YOU A BOY OR A GIRL?
The way you talk sounds pretty boy-ish.
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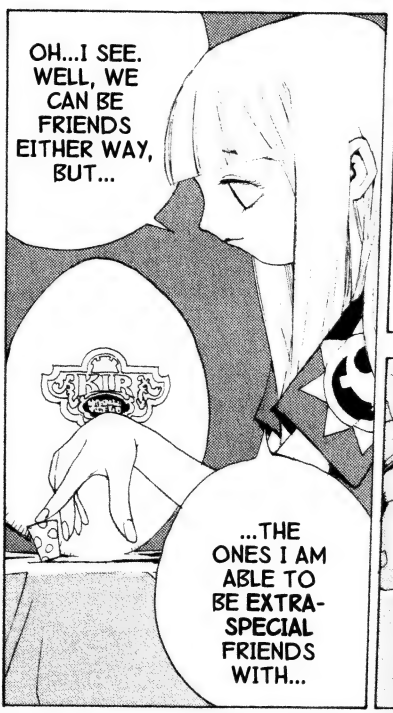
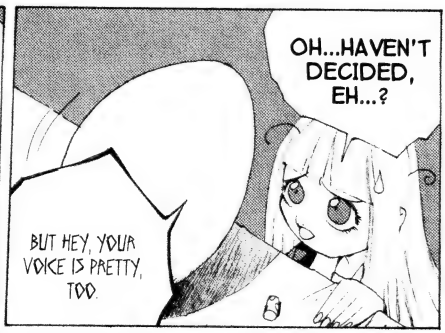
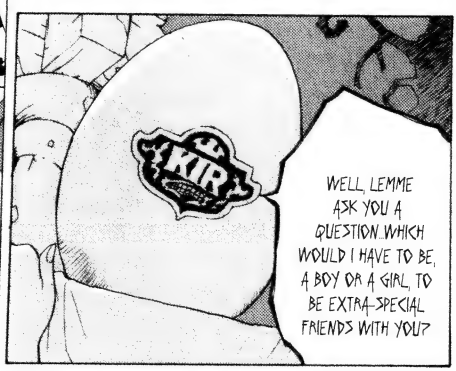
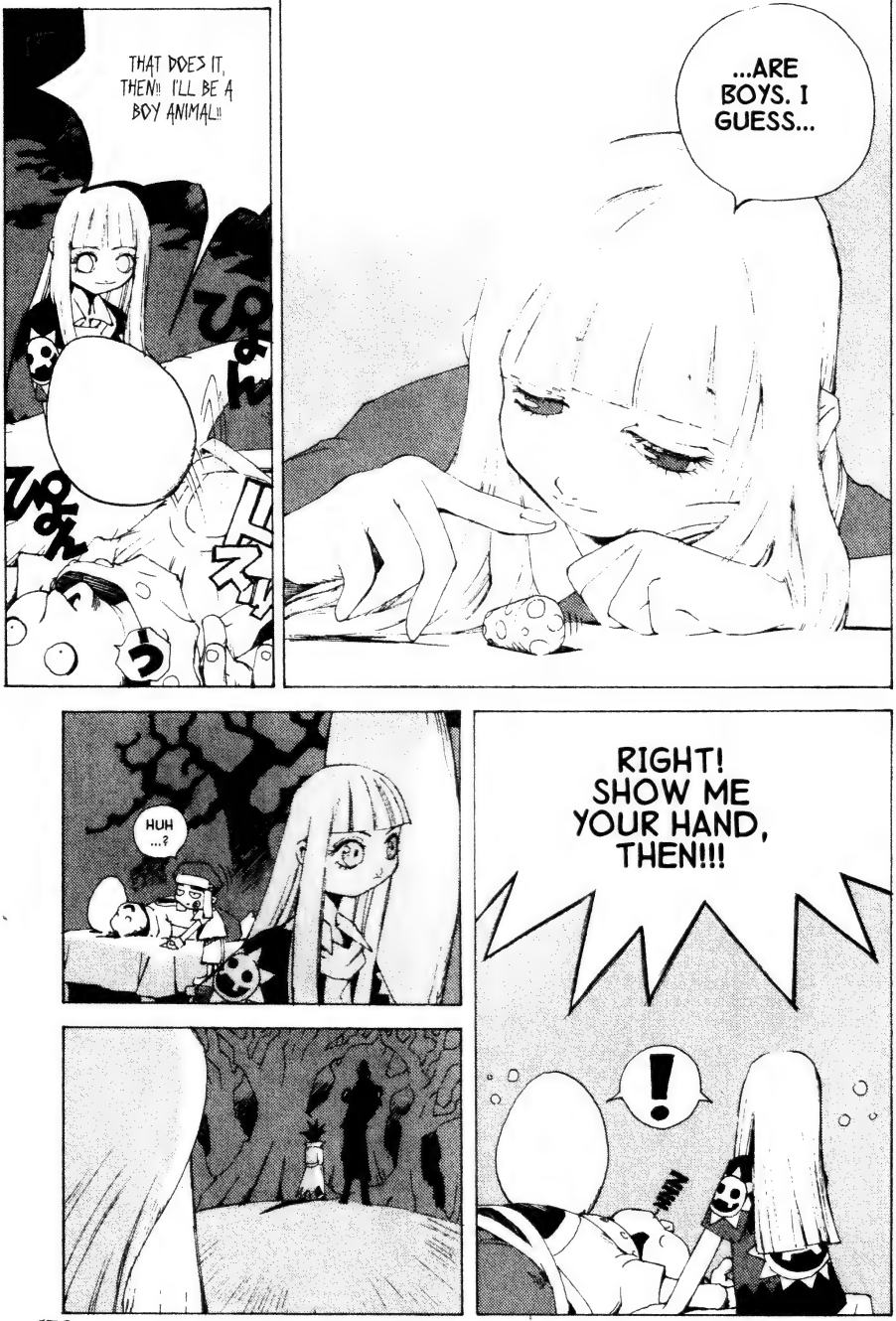

OH...I SEE. WELL, WE CAN BE FRIENDS EITHER WAY, BUT...
...THE ONES I AM ABLE TO BE EXTRA-SPECIAL FRIENDS WITH...


OH...HAVEN'T DECIDED, EH...?
BUT HEY, YOUR VOICE IS PRETTY, TOO.


WELL, LEMME ASK YOU A QUESTION. WHICH WOULD I HAVE TO BE, A BOY OR A GIRL, TO BE EXTRA-SPECIAL FRIENDS WITH YOU?


THAT DOES IT, THEN!! I'LL BE A BOY ANIMAL!!
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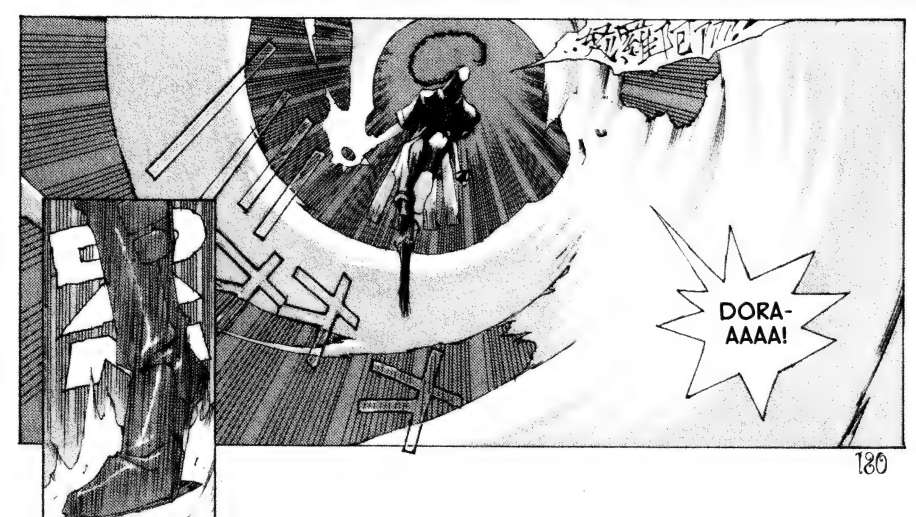
...ARE BOYS. I GUESS...
HUH ...?
RIGHT! SHOW ME YOUR HAND, THEN!!!
!

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? A PERP'S BEEN KIDNAPPING FEMALES IN THIS AREA!! IT'S SAID THAT HIS ARM, FROM THE ELBOW DOWN, IS COMPLETELY WOODEN...
And people are saying its the fairies of the forest...really!
I'D HEARD TELL OF AN UNUSUAL HOUSE WHERE THE ONLY GIRL LEFT IN THE VILLAGE SPENT ALL HER TIME... SO IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE I FOUND IT.
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE, HERE TOO, ISN'T IT, YOUNG MISTER? YOU MAY AS WELL WRITE "CRIMINAL" ON YOUR FOREHEAD...
...WELL, NO MATTER. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE IT OUT...
SO, I'M TELLING YOU TO TAKE YOUR RIGHT HAND FROM YOUR BOSOM AND PRESENT IT TO ME!!

IT'S JUST A SIMPLE MATTER OF REMOVING THE WRAPPING PAPER!!
cling
SO...THAT BRAT THINKS I'M A MERE POLICEMAN, DOES HE?
!!?
ONLY THOSE WHO ARE STRONG IN BOTH BODY AND MIND WILL ENDURE! YOU WON'T LOOK BACK FONDLY AT TODAY'S FOOLISHNESS, BOY!

NOW THEN, BOY...
...YOUR RIGHT HAND-- HUH?!
...IS THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CATCH YOURSELF IF YOU FALL.
JARA!
JARA!
THE PROBLEM WITH RUNNING ONE-HANDED...
WAH!!

HMPH...VERY WELL THEN, TRY!! BUT I WARN YOU, I'LL RUIN YOUR STOMACH...
グラ...
IF... YOU...DO NOT...I'LL EAT YOU UUUU-UPPP...
HUH?!
RELEEE-EASE... THAT... CHILD!!


DORA-AAAA!

JEEZ, YOU GUYS. DIDN'T I TELL YOU THIS SORT OF GAME WAS USELESS?
KIRBY
UH-OH...
AAAAAAAA-CHOOOOO!
Boo! Boo!
CHILD ABUSE! CHILD ABUSE!
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DOOO?!
BOHN!
OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC DUTY IS OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC DUTY, WHETHER YOU'RE A NEWBORN OR A DOTARD ON HIS WAY TO HELL!!
NOOOW, THEN... NO RESISTANCE THIS TIME...
JARA
JING!! HEY, YOU GUYS!

O...OLD F-FOOL...?!
YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU'RE NOT JUST A MERE POLICE-MAN-- YOU'RE AN OLD FOOL, TOO!!
PIN!
...OR PUBLIC DOODY...
PIN!
...WHETHER PUBLIC DUTY...
THERE'S A SAYING, YOU SEE...

...YOU'RE IN FOR A CRAPPY DAY!
JING!! TAKE THIS!!!
YOU SEE, THIS...
!!
EY--RAISE ME UP HIGHER, WOULD'JA!! I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!!
WAHH?
WAHH?
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT.
GO FOR IT, BROTHA!! GET 'IM!

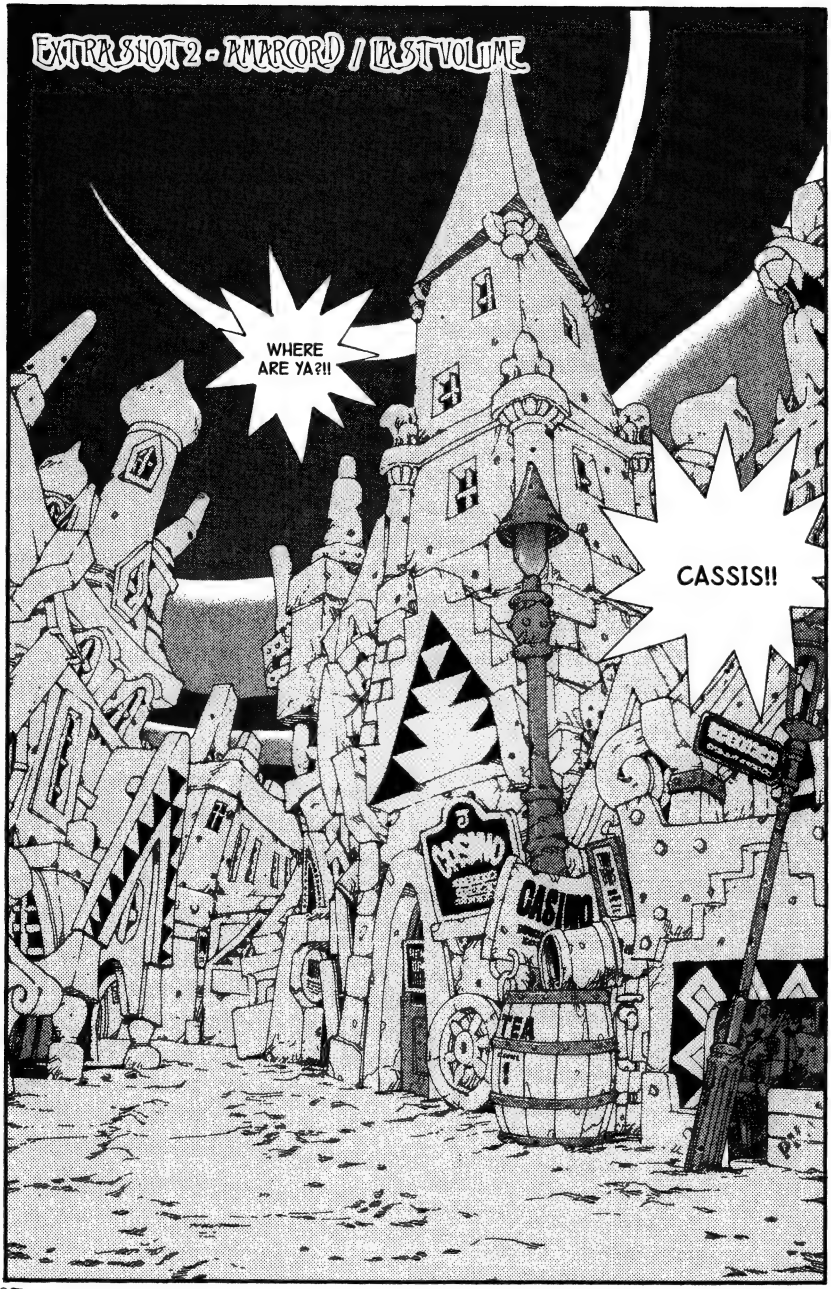
OH!
...THIS IS OUR METHOD !!!

AND IT'S USUALLY A CINCH FOR A KID LIKE ME.
DOWN!
...UHN? CASSIS?!
UHHH...
NICE PASS, CASSIS.
Considering it was a bat.
CASSIS?!
WWWW.. W.. WWWW..

GIRLS MORE THAN BOYS,
CHILDREN MORE THAN ADULTS,
LONELINESS MORE THAN CROWDS,
SIDESTREETS MORE THAN MAIN STREETS...

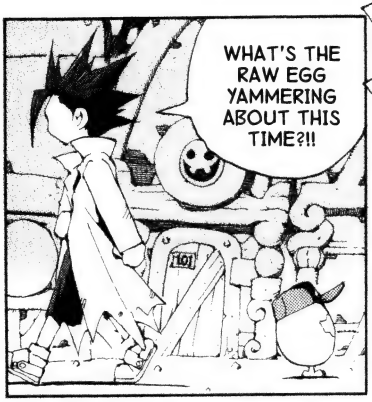
A-R-E D-A-N-G-E-R-O-U-S!!!

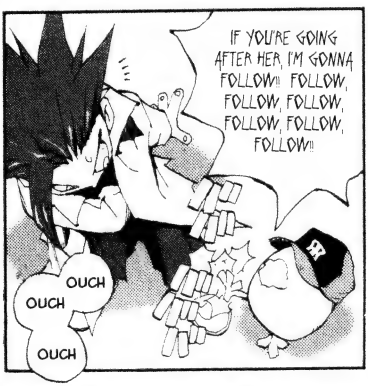
(A WARNING MESSAGE SENT OUT INTO THE STREETS OF BALALAIKA)


EXTRA SHOT 2 - AMARCORD / LAST VOLUME
WHERE ARE YA?!!
CASSIS!!
CASINO
CASINO
TEA

OH!!!
JIIIIIING?! D'YA THINK SHE WAS HERE?!
PLUP
PLUP!
WHAT?! WHAT DID YOU FIND? LET ME SEE IT TOO!
PLUP...
PLUP...
I JUST FOUND THIS...
YEAH...IT MUST BE. IT MUST BE.
SNIFF... IT'S TRUE, THEN...SNIFF... SNIFF...

CASSIS'S BEEN KIDNAPPED...BY THE FAIRIES OF THE FOREST!!!
QUIET.
JING?! IS IT TRUE? WAS CASSIS REALLY...?!
Y-YEAH...WEREN'T YOU GUYS SAYING A GIRL CAN'T GO OUTSIDE...BECAUSE SHE'LL BE KIDNAPPED... ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT...?
SAP, EH...?
HEY, I'M COMIN' WITH!!
WELL... NOTHING FOR ME TO DO BUT GO AFTER HER!!


WHAT'S THE RAW EGG YAMMERING ABOUT THIS TIME?!!

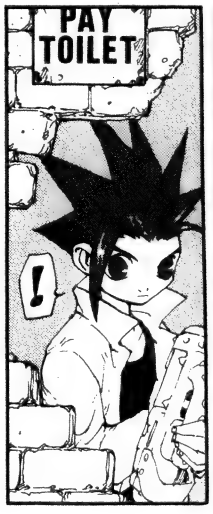

IF YOU'RE GOING AFTER HER, I'M GONNA FOLLOW!! FOLLOW, FOLLOW, FOLLOW, FOLLOW, FOLLOW, FOLLOW!!
OUCH
OUCH
OUCH

HEY!!

UGH--HIM AGAIN!!!!

FOLLOOOOOOOOOW!!!

YOU... KIDS...
HEY, JING...LEAVE THIS GUY TO US! GO ON, RESCUE CASSIS!!
KAN
BONK
I'M OFF, THEN!! AND I'M STARTING BY FOLLOWING THESE TRACES OF SAP!!
WHAT SAP?! I CAN'T SEE!
THANKS, GUYS!


PAY
TOILET
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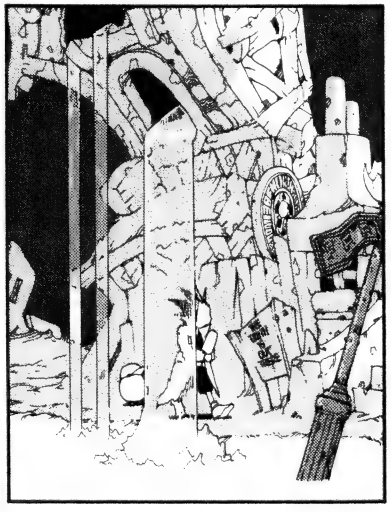
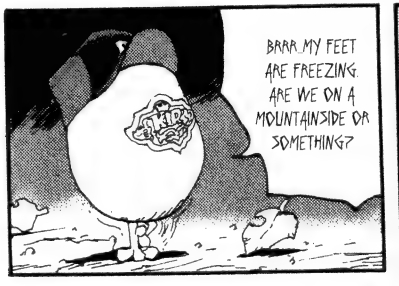
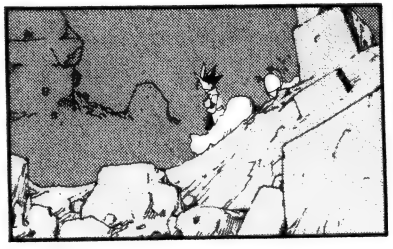
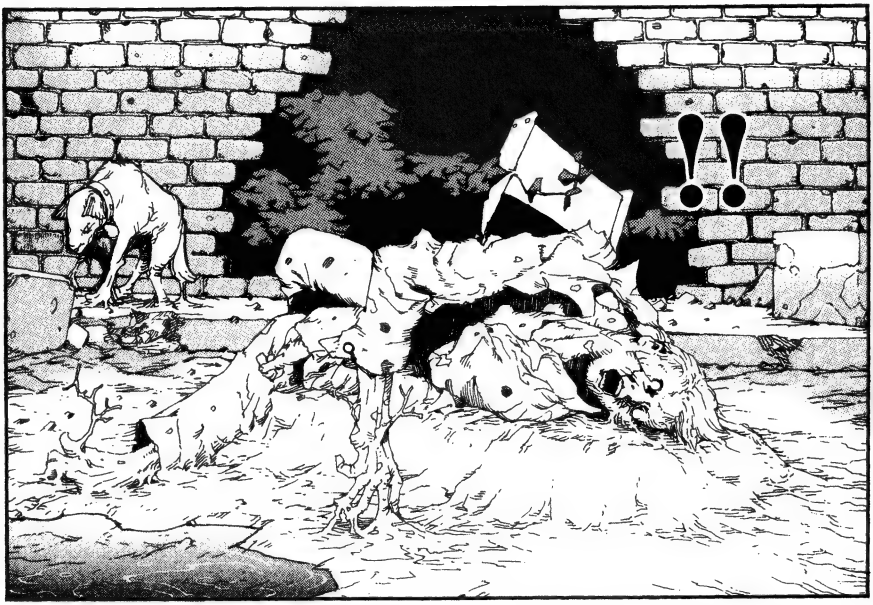



BRRR. MY FEET ARE FREEZING. ARE WE ON A MOUNTAINSIDE OR SOMETHING?



WHAT ON EARTH... IS THIS PLACE...?!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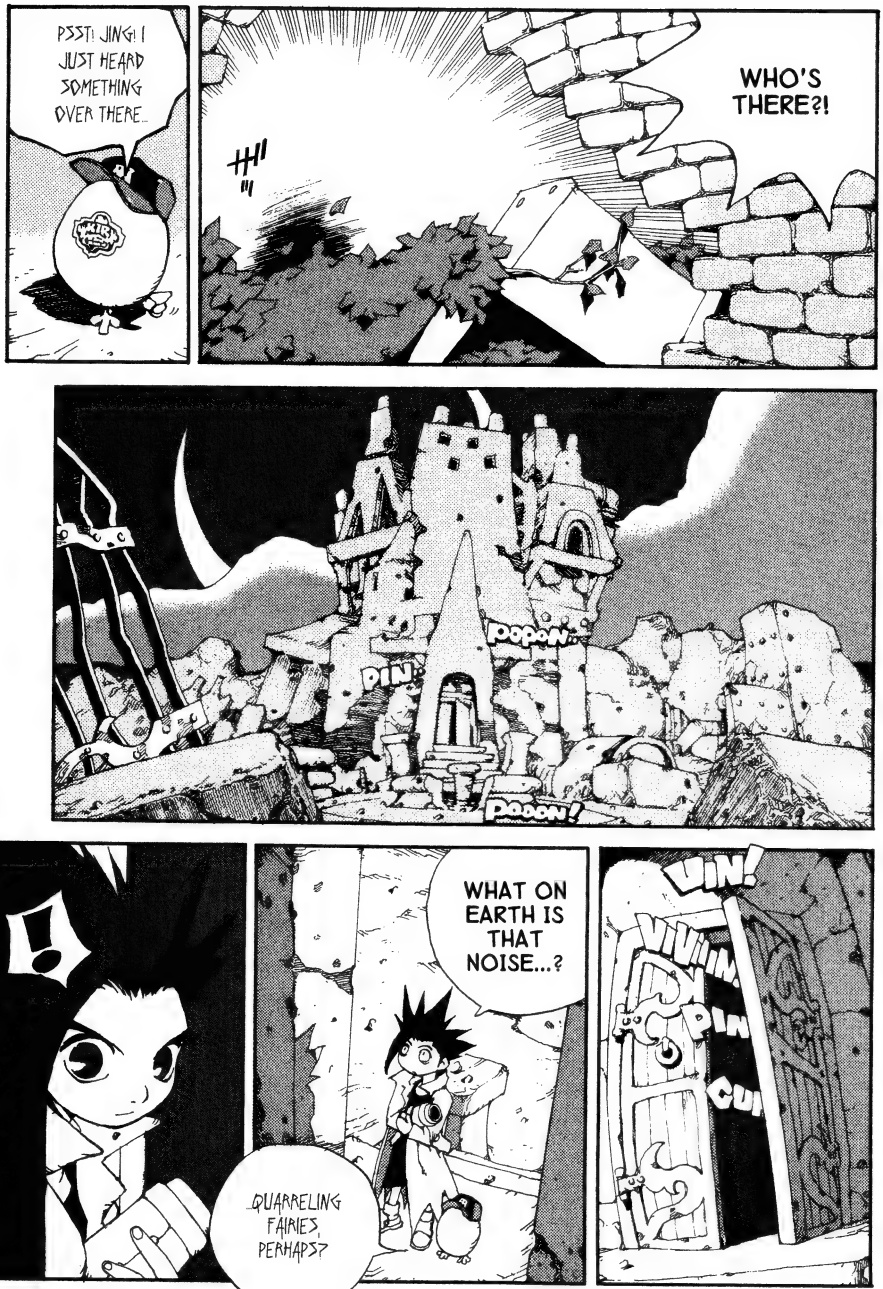
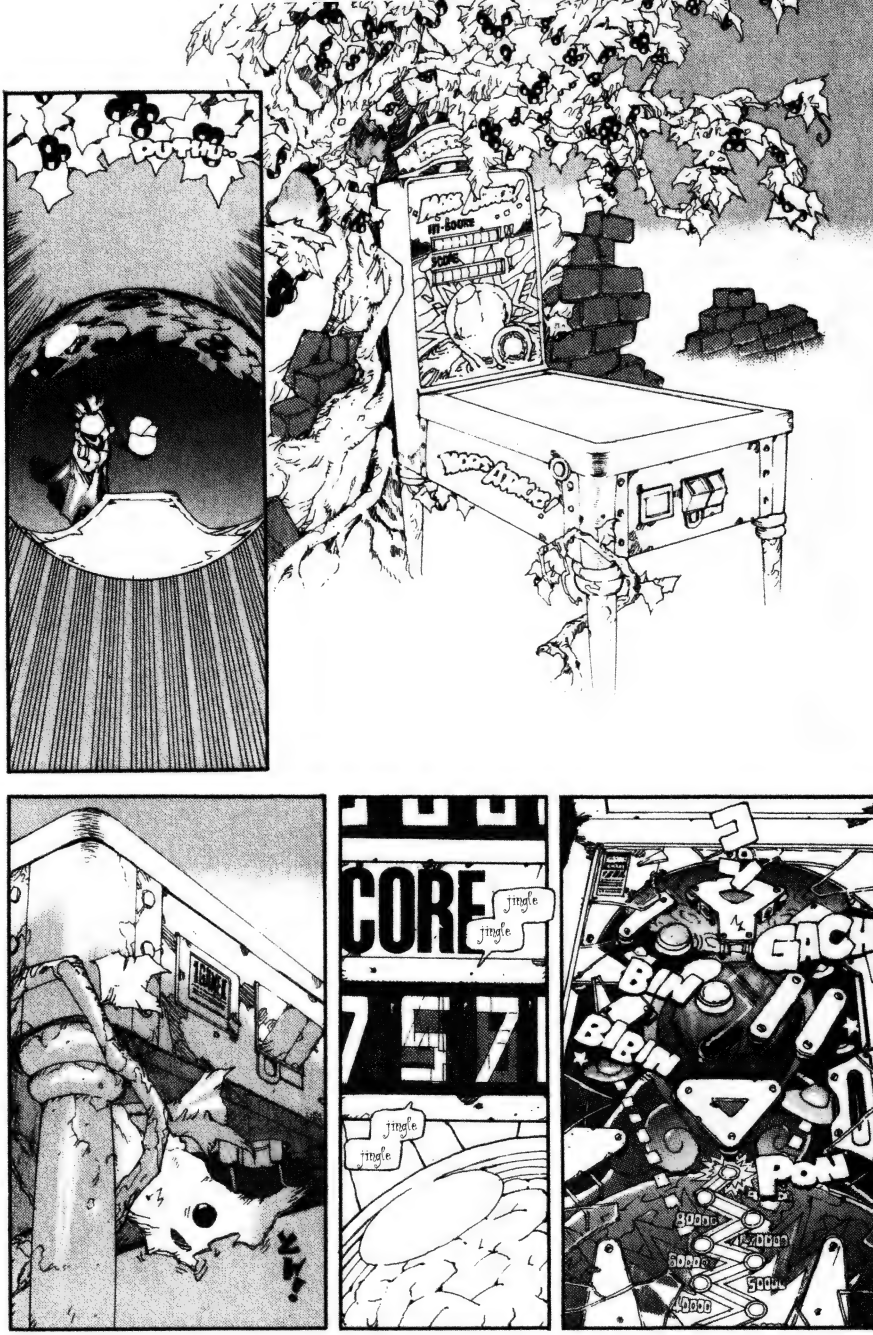
WELL... HIS FACE DOESN'T REALLY LOOK LIKE HE SAW A FAIRY, Y'KNOW?

LOOKS LIKE...WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT HAND WE FOUND...
FOREST FAIRIES AGAIN, Y'THINK?!


PSST! JING! I JUST HEARD SOMETHING OVER THERE...
WHO'S THERE?!
POPON!
PIN!
POOON!
!
WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT NOISE...?
QUARRELING FAIRIES, PERHAPS?
PIN!


PUTHU...
Mega Smash!
m-bons
score
Mega Smash!
CORE
jingle
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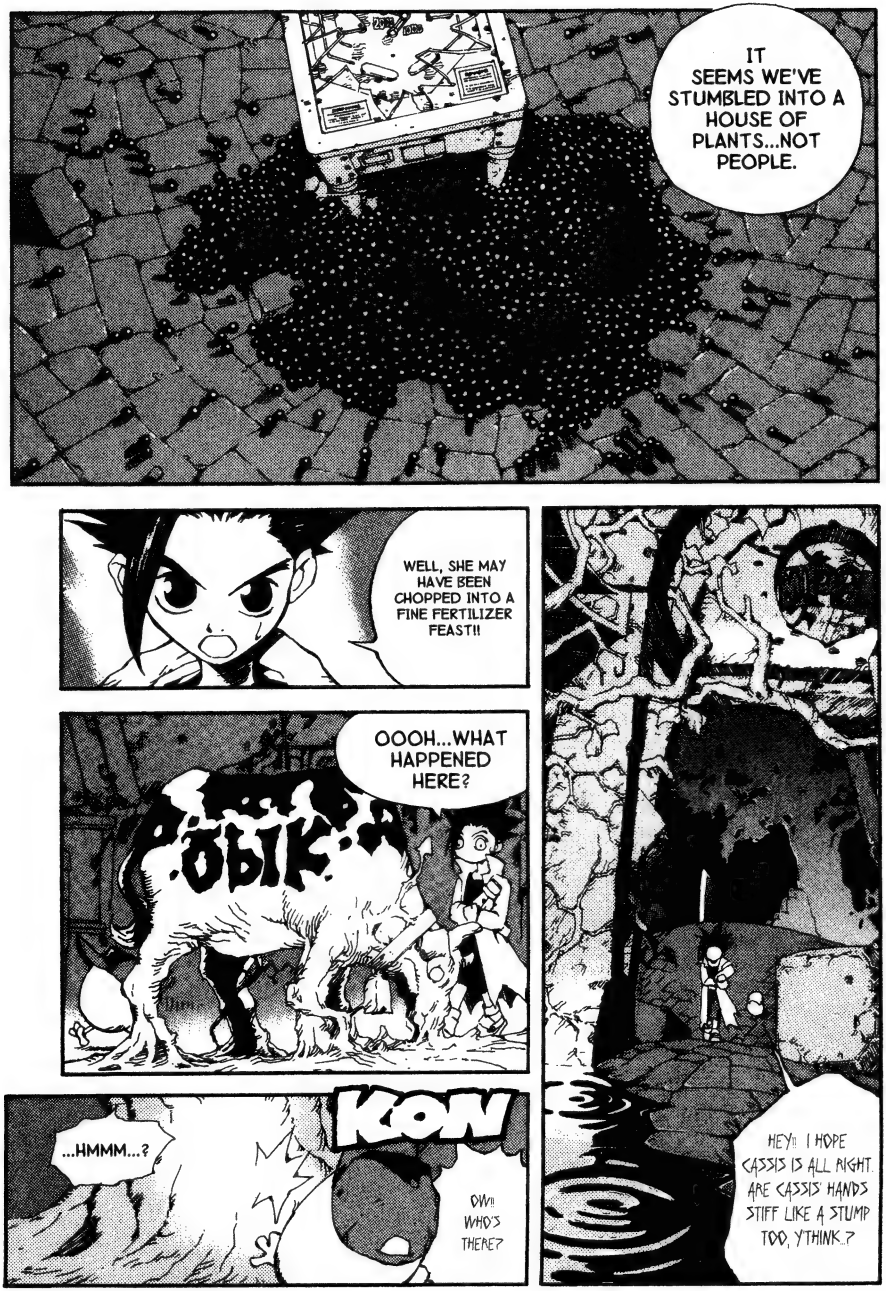
757
GACHI
BIN
BIBIN
PON
300pts
500pts
5000pts
10000pts


IT SEEMS WE'VE STUMBLED INTO A HOUSE OF PLANTS...NOT PEOPLE.
WELL, SHE MAY HAVE BEEN CHOPPED INTO A FINE FERTILIZER FEAST!!
OOOH...WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
OBIK
KON
...HMMM...?
OW!! WHO'S THERE?
HEY!! I HOPE CASSIS IS ALL RIGHT. ARE CASSIS' HANDS STIFF LIKE A STUMP TOO, Y'THINK..?

LOOKS LIKE THIS ONE'S MOSTLY TURNED INTO A TREE ALREADY...!!
UHHH... GUUUHH...
OH, JING!! THIS IS BAD. C'MON-- QUICK!! RESCUE CASSIS!!
!!!

WHAT THE--?!
W-WHAT HAPPENED?
SAY, WHEN CAN YOU USE THAT PRESENT FROM YOUR MOM, JING?
I DON'T KNOW! SHE JUST SAID THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES, MY RIGHT HAND WILL NATURALLY KNOW HOW TO USE THE CRIME ROYAL...I'LL *NEED* IT, SHE SAID.

CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME YOU'LL NEED IT MORE THAN NOW?!
S-S-S-S-STOP IT!!
HEY! IF YOU'RE SO SMART...WHY DON'T I THROW YOU FIRST!
WAH!!!
THIS IS HOPELESS
HERE I GO!
WUOOOOOOOH!!

BETTER GIVE THAT WRIST BACK, JING! THEY'RE COMING AGAIN!!
NOOOOO... OKAY! I SURRENDER! I GIVE UP!!
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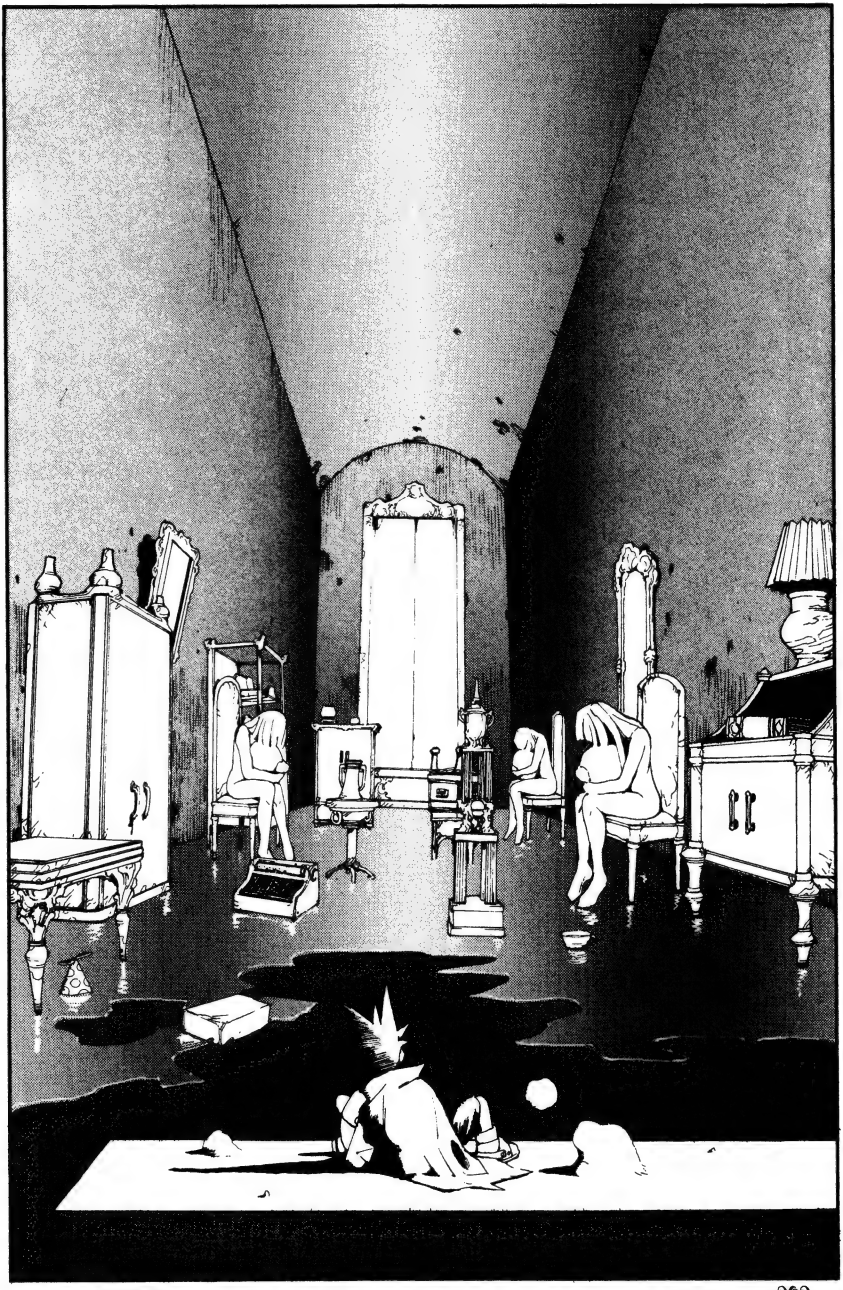

I MEAN, THIS LOOKS PRETTY QUIET. WHAT SORT OF A ROOM *IS* THIS?!
JING!! IT'S CASSIS. I HEAR CASSIS' VOICE!!
HEY! WHY WON'T THEY COME IN?!
WOOO...
REALLY... WHERE?!
SWAP!
SWAP!
THE SNOW...RIDGE... SPLITS, AND...THE SNOW...SLIDES DOWN...DOWN THE AVALANCHE.

I AM THE KING OF BANDITS!!
AH...A FLOWER THIEF...
AND I'LL BE ON MY WAY, NOW!
THIS... GARDEN'S... FLOWERS...
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...I WON'T HAVE...EVEN ONE... PLUCKED FROM THIS PLACE.
UWAH!
SAMI
A BEAR... RIDES DOWN...
CASSIS!!!!!!!!!

HEY, JING...HOW COME YOU'RE GLOWING LIKE THAT?
SEEMS LIKE IF YOU SAY IT, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST MEAN IT, Y'KNOW?!
...STRONG... LIGHT...
GOO... SUCH A STRONG...
AND NOW, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO...I CAN USE THIS.
CHA!
OH...I SEE! *THIS* IS WHAT MY MOM MEANT WHEN SHE TOLD ME TO ASSUME A NEED!!
Bingo.

CRASH
!!
!
WHAAAAAAAAAT?!!
I CAN'T!!
IT BROKE!!
C'MON, JING! USE THAT THING FROM YOUR MOM TO RAT-A-TAT-TAT HIM!
GREAT! WE DON'T EVEN HAVE CASSIS' BAT ANYMORE!!!

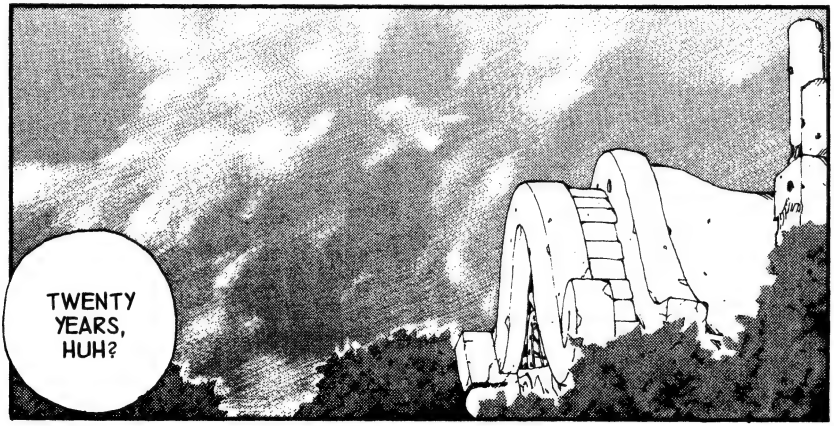
SHOOO-
OOOOT!!

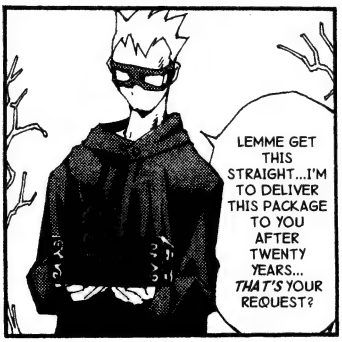
JING?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY...LATER?!
ALL RIGHT, EGG! WITH ANY LUCK, I'LL BE SEEING YOU LATER.
BUT FIRST, ME AND THIS TREE GEEZER ARE GONNA HAVE US A LITTLE WRASSLIN' MATCH.
H-HEY... WHAT'S THAT S'POSED TO MEAN? JING...ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT... DYING?
I HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN BORN...AND YOU'RE ALREADY PLANNING YOUR DEATH?
THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER, JING!! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE YET... DON'T BE STUPID... D-DON'T GO.
HOPEFULLY I'LL SEE MY MOM AGAIN, TOO... GOTTA APOLOGIZE FOR DESTROYING HER PRESENT.

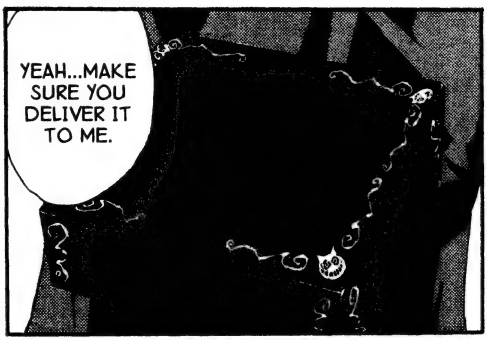
PRRR
KIRA
DON'T GOOO!!!
GIVE BACK... GIVE BACK...THE... FLOWERS...
THINK OF CASSIS... WHAT WOULD CASSIS SAY?!
...THE ONLY ONES SHE CAN BE EXTRA SPECIAL FRIENDS WITH...
PIKIKI
BECAUSE CASSIS TOLD ME, YOU SEE...
...ARE BOYS!
CRACK!

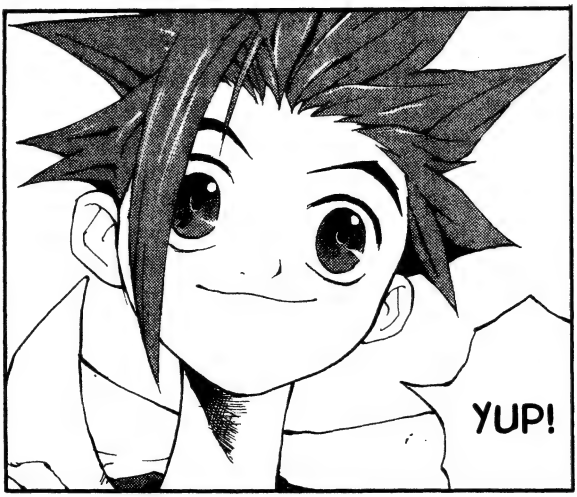
ROYALE
!!!
JIIIIIIIN G!!!
K-KIR?

HOW WOULD YOU PREFER TO BE KNOWN?
HEY, JING! WHAT'S UP WITH CALLING ME KIR? I WOULD NEVER HAVE SUCH A DULL NAME!!
EH? WELL... UMMMMM...

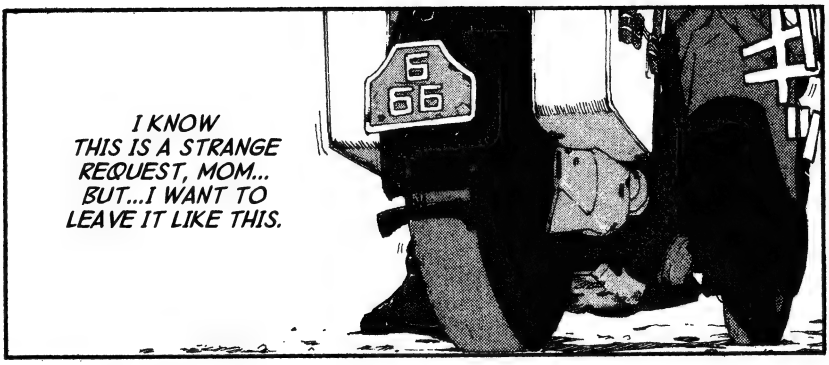

TWENTY YEARS, HUH?

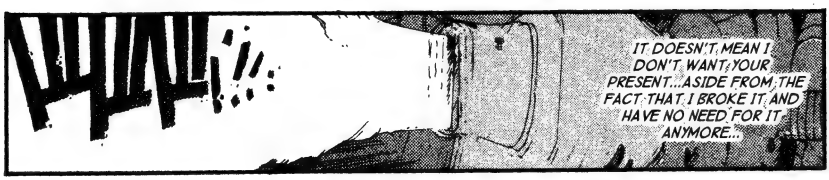

LEMME GET THIS STRAIGHT...I'M TO DELIVER THIS PACKAGE TO YOU AFTER TWENTY YEARS... *THAT'S* YOUR REQUEST?

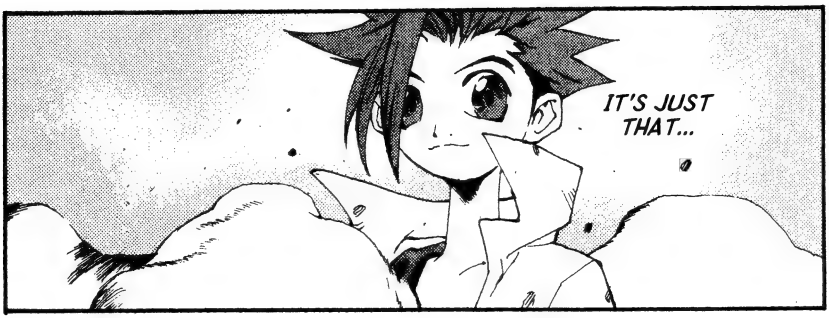

YEAH...MAKE SURE YOU DELIVER IT TO ME.

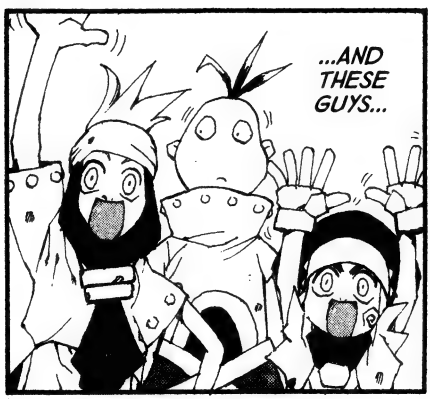

YUP!

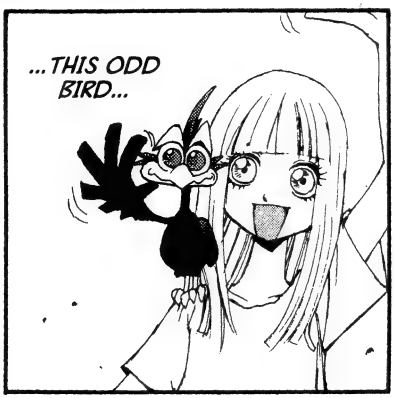
YEAH...I'M JUST WAITING FOR A GOOD TIME TO TELL MY MOM ABOUT IT...
HIS MOM AGAIN ...?
BUT... YOU'RE SURE IT'S OKAY? WITH YOUR MOTHER...I MEAN...THE KEEPSAKE...?
GOT IT!!
YOU'VE CHANGED A LOT, GUY...
...BUT FOR SOME REASON...
...IT SUITS YOU.

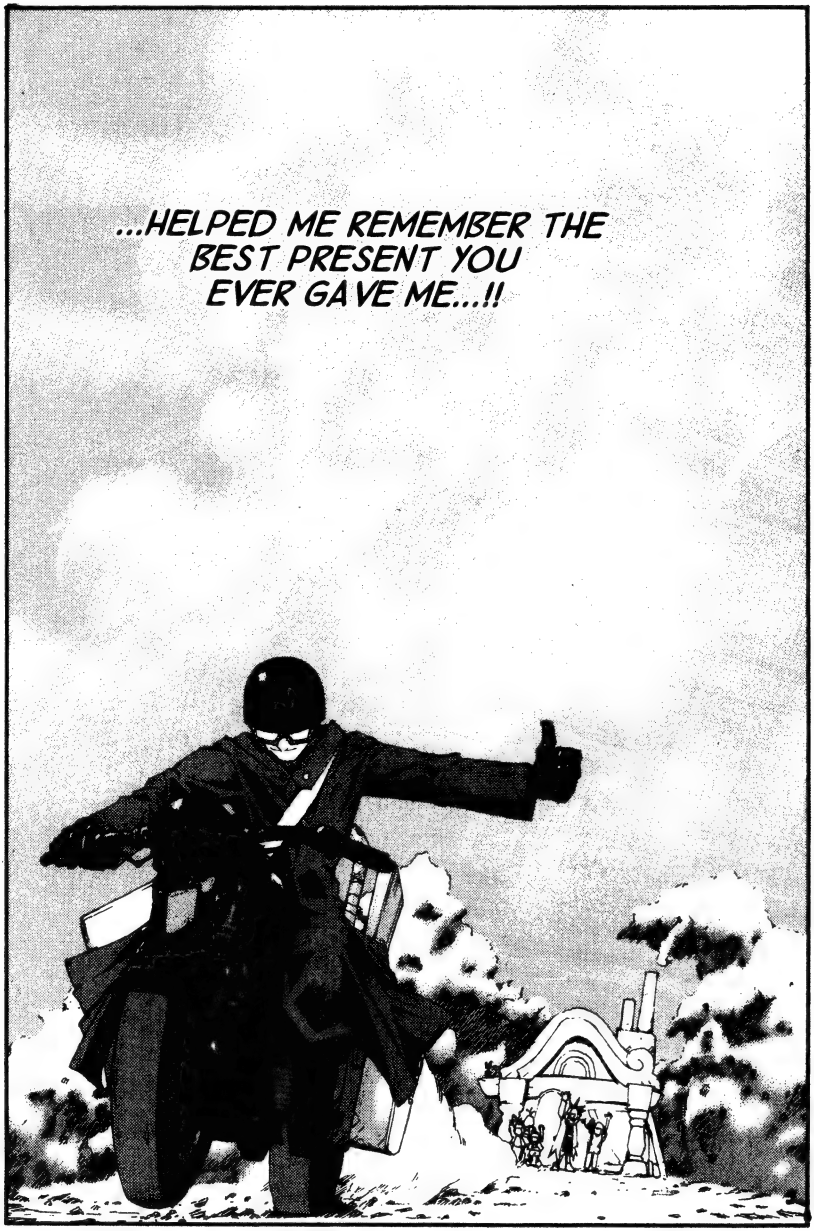

I KNOW THIS IS A STRANGE REQUEST, MOM... BUT...I WANT TO LEAVE IT LIKE THIS.


IT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T WANT YOUR PRESENT...ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT I BROKE IT AND HAVE NO NEED FOR IT ANYMORE...


IT'S JUST THAT...


...AND THESE GUYS...


...THIS ODD BIRD...



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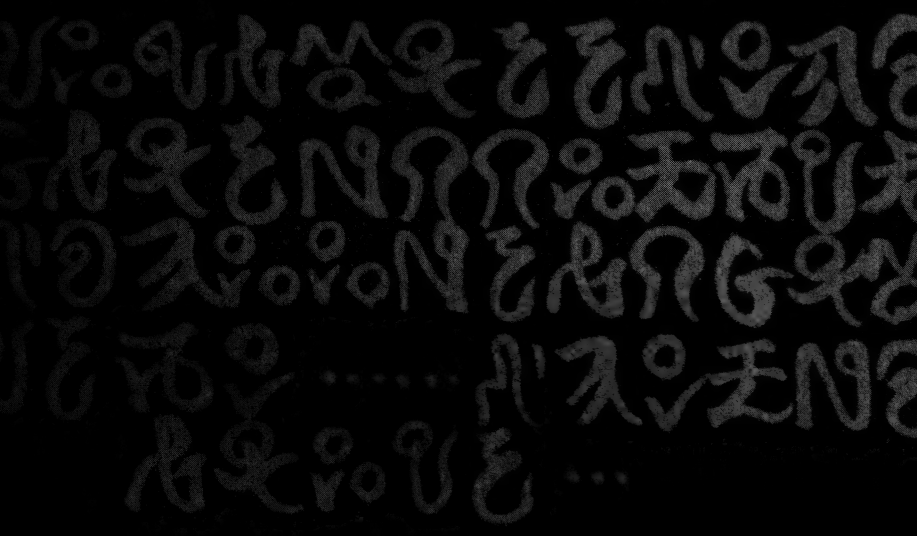


The enigmatic language uttered by the mysterious doll that Jing and the others followed in the prison of dreams. These are special characters designed just for that scene, specially manufactured and written in ink on hanshi!!

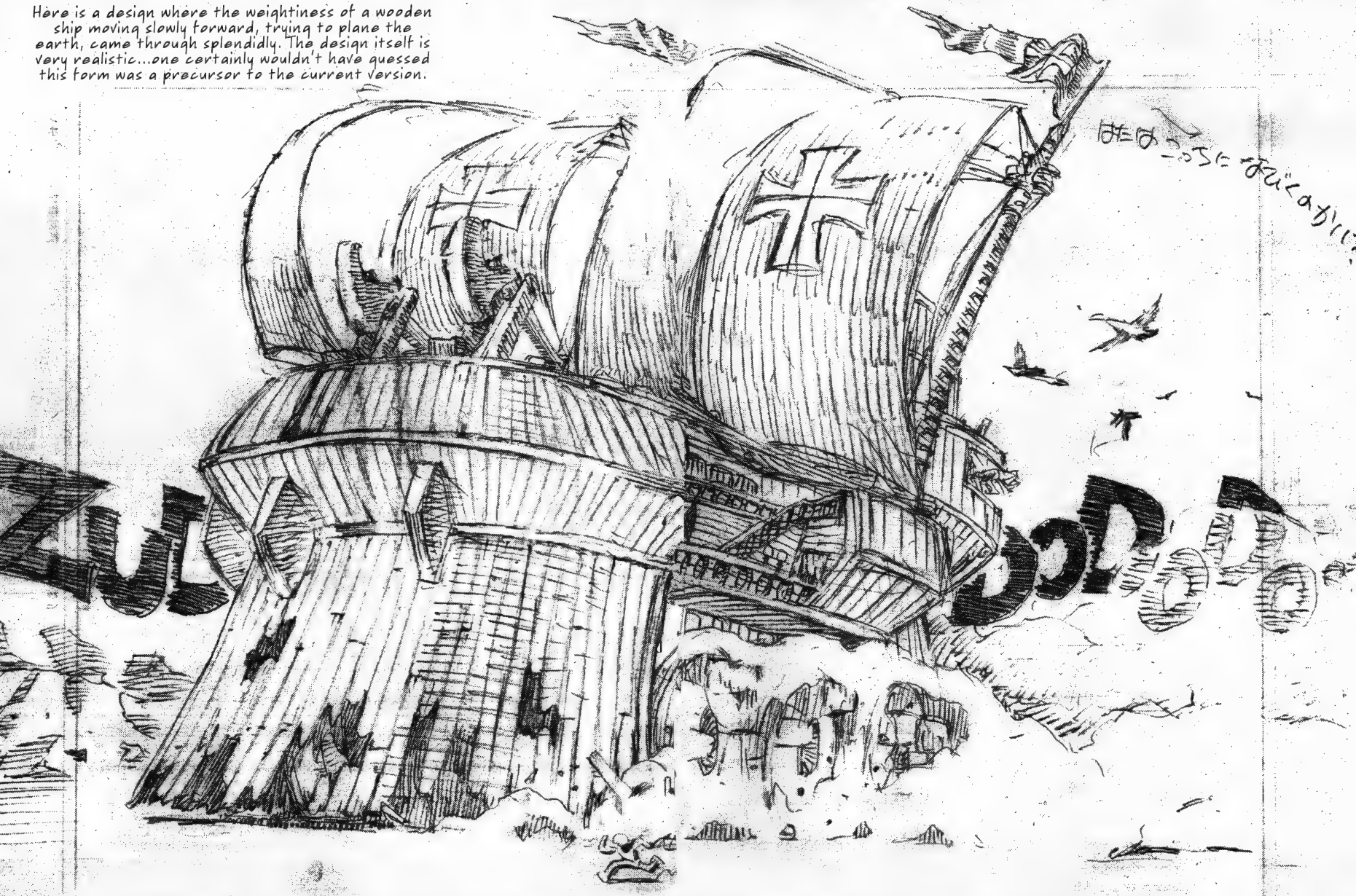
villain

He looks evil, but in a foolish way. This is the precursor to Vodka!! Everyone knows how he finally turns out, but this one is pretty personal. The current one does cry at the reunion of the Double Mermaid. I think that side of his personality balances out the evil just right.

"We are the City of Thieves," as it is titled, was appropriately deformed, creating something of a comical effect. Its impression would lead me to finish the design in a comical manner, too.

LANDSHIPa

Here is a design where the weightiness of a wooden ship moving slowly forward, trying to plane the earth, came through splendidly. The design itself is very realistic...one certainly wouldn't have guessed this form was a precursor to the current version.



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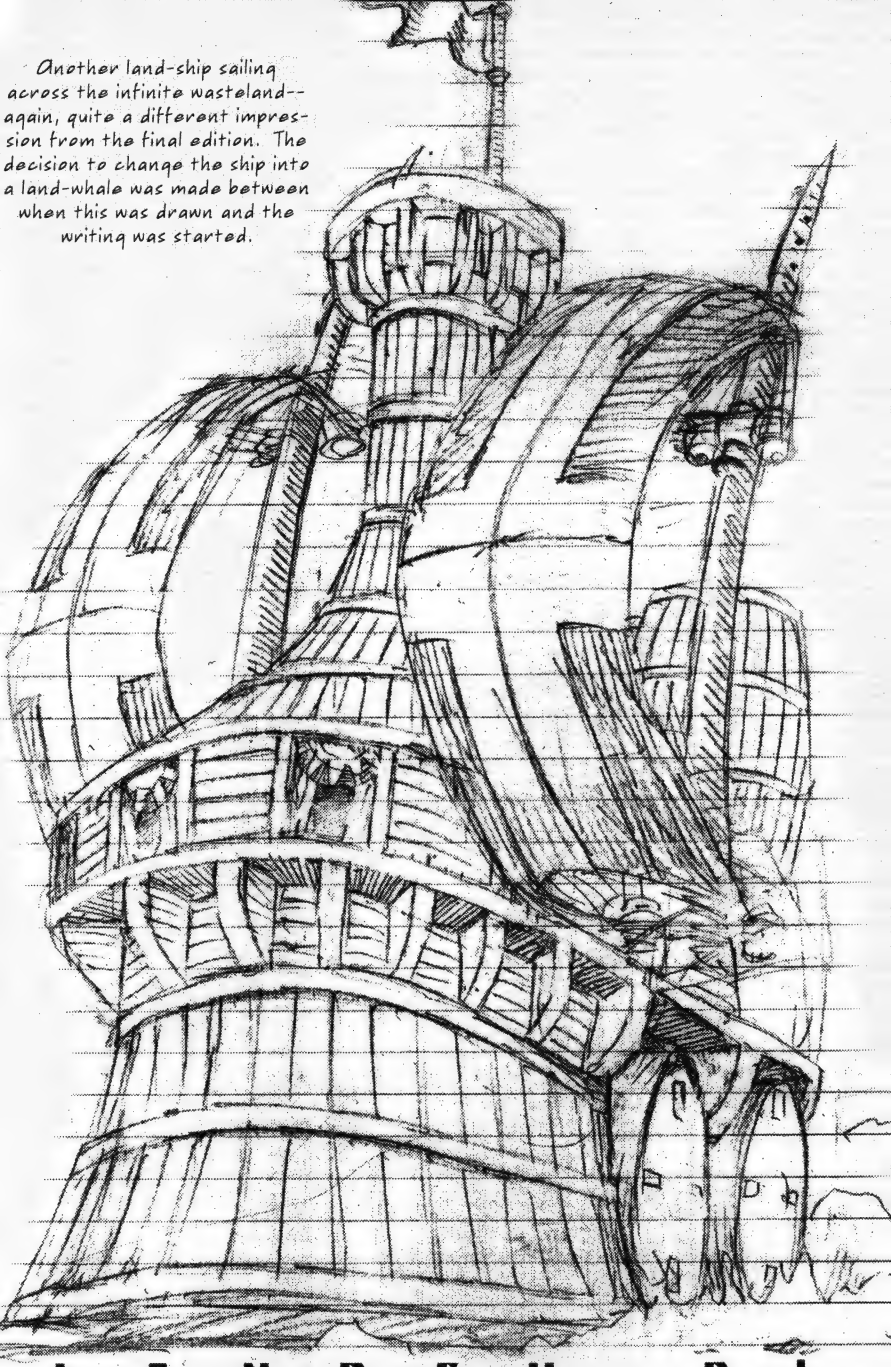
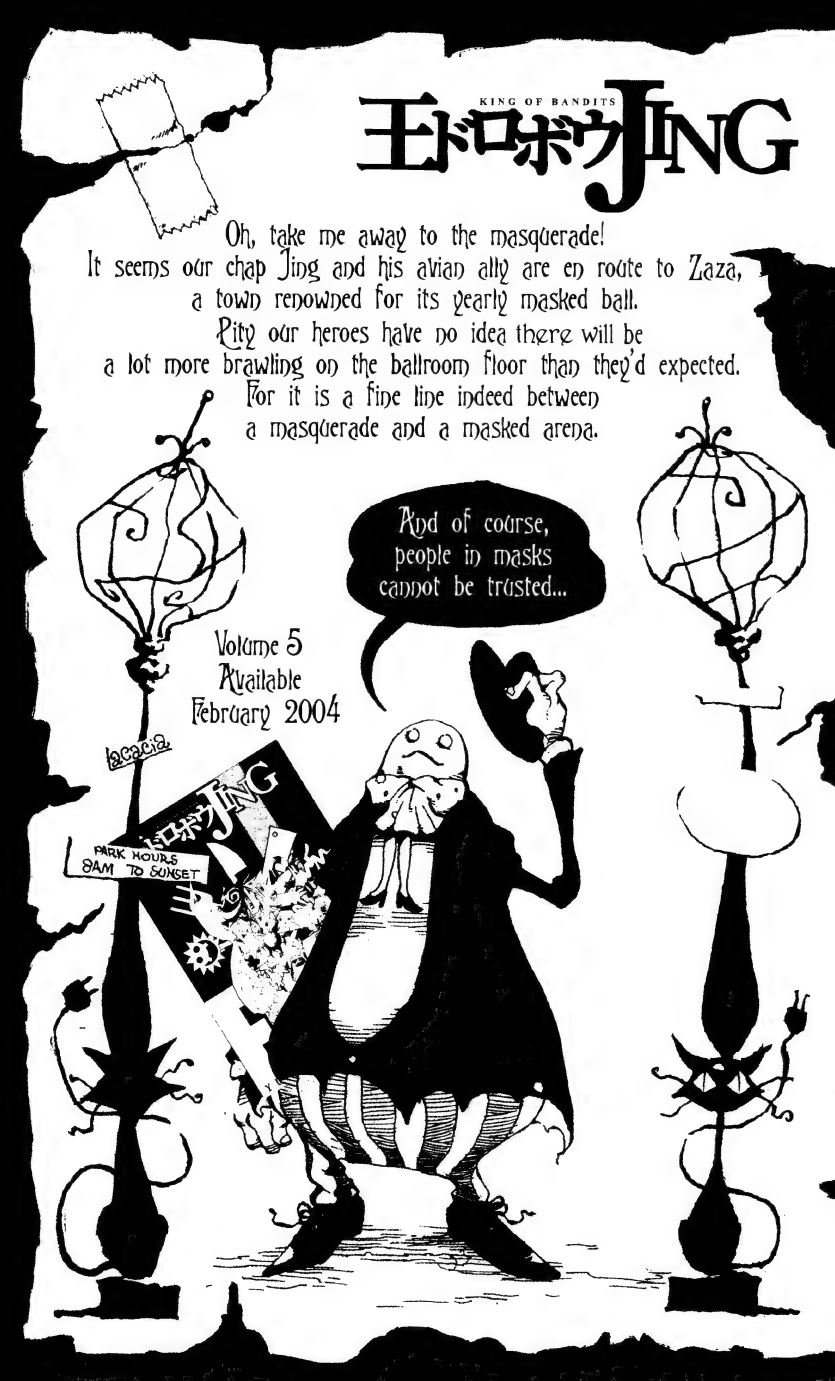


Another land-ship sailing across the infinite wasteland--again, quite a different impression from the final edition. The decision to change the ship into a land-whale was made between when this was drawn and the writing was started.

LANDSHiPb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王ドロボウJING
Oh, take me away to the masquerade!
It seems our chap Jing and his avian ally are en route to Zaza, a town renowned for its yearly masked ball.
Pity our heroes have no idea there will be a lot more brawling on the ballroom floor than they'd expected.
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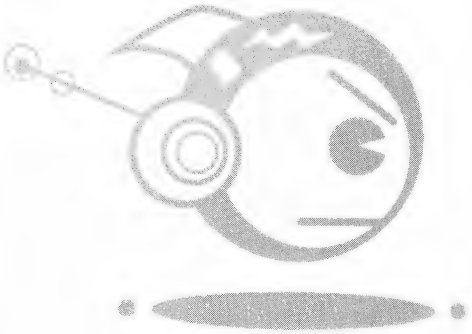

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